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Basden Calls For Living Witnesses

Dr. Harold G. Basden, pastor of the Calvary Church, Jackson, thrilled and inspired the Mississippi Baptist Convention, which packed the auditorium of the First church Jackson, as he preached the annual sermon. Using as his subject, "The Witness Christ Wants," Dr. Basden challenged his hearers to be living witnesses of what salvation means. The sermon, slightly condensed, follows:

Emphasizing the importance of Cooperation and citing the marvelous growth of Mississippi Baptists as evidence of its value Dr. John E. Barnes pastor of Main Street Church, Hattiesburg, and president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, delivered the annual president's address to the Mississippi Baptist Convention at the opening session Tuesday morning.

Using as his subject "Together," Dr. Barnes gave many instances of the use of the word "Together" in the Scriptures and said, "There's power in Cooperation."

He asserted that Cooperation is a part of the history of Mississippi Baptists as they have grown from one church near Natchez in the



DR. H. G. BASDEN

better part of the 18th century to nearly two thousand today.

"The program of Mississippi Baptists originates in the grass roots. It is not handed down from the top but worked up from the people," said Dr. Barnes.

Concluding his address Dr. Barnes named three reasons for the need of cooperation:

1. Our debt to the world
2. The unashamed gospel.
3. The spirit of readiness.

In slightly condensed form the address follows:

INTRODUCTION: The word together is a magic word. It can make the difference between success and failure, happiness and misery, the progress of the Kingdom of God or the hindrance of the work of our Lord.

God's Word has a great deal to

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CALVARY, TUPELO, LEADS STATE IN PER CAPITA CONTRIBUTIONS

Youth Night Speaker



HOWARD BUTT

Howard Butt, of Corpus Christi, Texas, internationally known layman, will be the speaker at the closing Youth Night Rally of the Convention on Thursday at the City Auditorium.

FAIR NOTICE

It will be profitable for a certain number of people to carefully read this issue of the Baptist Record.

Men's Rally Hears Sullivan and Bates

Speaking before 1600 Baptist men Dr. Carl Bates, pastor, First Baptist of Amarillo, Texas, and native of Liberty, Miss., brought the annual State Brotherhood rally to a close in Jackson with a message on "Stewardship of Life."

He declared "Christian Stewardship is the practice of sharing systematically and proportionately of time, talent, and material possessions; based on a conviction that these are a trust from God, to be used in His service for the

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Cooperation Is Keyword Of President's Address To State Convention

One of the characteristic words of the Acts of the Apostles is the word "witness." Paul called himself a witness of Christ. In our own day we use the word "witness" very frequently. In some Christian groups it is about the only word that is used to describe a follower of Jesus Christ. The word "witness" in its New Testament usage is an interesting word. Scholars tell us that the original from which the word "witness" is translated is the same word from which we get the word "martyr." A martyr is one who gives his life for a cause. It is interesting that the word "witness" carries with it that same connotation. It means to suggest that one is willing to give himself to a cause even if it means giving his life. There is a sense in which every witness is a martyr. We are potential martyrs for Jesus Christ. Our witness should be characterized by the inner desire to witness for Christ even if it means death. I am not thinking so much of physical death as I am thinking of death to the lower physical nature. If witnessing means that I will lose

my standing with my fellow - man and my popularity with the crowd, I shall be a witness. If it means that I must lose my connections with the social and amusement world in which I live, I will die to that world. I will be a martyr. I will be a witness to Jesus Christ. If it means that I lose my business because I dare not stand for Christ in my business life, I will die to my business life in order to be a witness. . .

It was necessary in the first century for followers actually to lose their physical lives for Christ. In the twentieth century, at least in America, it has not become necessary for us to die for Christ in that sense. It seems to me that the hour has now struck in our world, particularly in our American scene when Christian men and women need to stand and be counted for Christ in a witness which will be pleasing to Him. The time has come when, as someone said, the need is not for people to die for Christ but to live for Christ. . . to live in such a way that we would be willing to die if it should be

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Berwick Second, Fifteenth Ave. Third

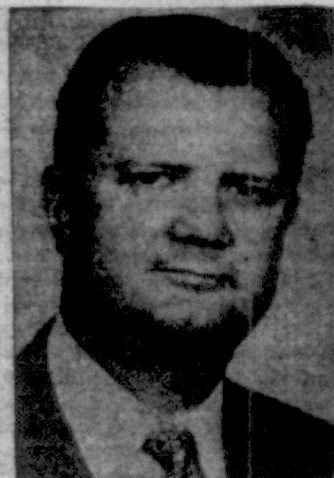
By CHESTER L. QUARLES
Executive Secretary-Treasurer
Mississippi Baptist Convention

Calvary Church (Tupelo), Berwick (Mississippi Association), and Fifteenth Avenue, Meridian, rated one, two three in per capita giving during the past year in both Cooperative Program objects and total gifts.

Calvary Church averaged \$23.41 for Cooperative Program objects and \$30.81 for Cooperative Program and designated gifts.

Board Adopts New Plan to Cooperative Program Funds

RE-ELECTED



DR. CHESTER L. QUARLES

The State Convention Board, in its pre-convention meeting Monday afternoon, took several significant steps, including the election of Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary, as permanent treasurer also, and the recommending of a \$1,500,000 Cooperative program goal for 1954.

The Board also authorized the allocation of \$5,000 out of state mission surplus for mission work in eight western states. This came as a request from Arizona in its mission work.

The Board also authorized the sending of the Southern Baptist Educator to all Mississippi Baptist pastors, lay members of the Boards of Trustees and the Convention Board for one year, to be paid out of State Mission surplus.

The body also recommended the following distribution of Cooperative Program funds for 1954: Division I, non-distributable monies; Division II, 55 per cent to state causes; Division III, 45 per cent to world causes, both up to \$1,250,000;

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Pastors of the ten leading churches in per capita Cooperative Program gifts and total per capita mission gifts are:

Tupelo, W. L. Day; Berwick, J. P. Kirkland; Meridian, Fifteenth Avenue, Jack Southerland; Kewanee, A. C. Duggar; Biloxi, Trinity, Hoffman Harris; Egypt, C. W. Thompson, Jr.; Moss Point, First, W. L. Stagg, Jr.; Carthage, Troy Prince; Canton, David Cranford; Columbus, Dr. S. R. Woodson; Jackson, Calvary, Dr. Harold G. Basden; Grenada, First, Dr. John W. Landrum.

Berwick averaged \$17.16 and \$20.23 while the figures for Fifteenth Avenue are \$16.51 and \$19.60.

The top ten churches in Cooperative Program gifts in addition to these three are: Trinity, Biloxi, \$14.40; Calvary, Jackson, \$13.79; Grenada, First, \$13.32; Carthage, \$13.00; Egypt, Chickasaw, \$12.50; First, Columbus, \$12.41.

In total mission gifts including Cooperative Program and designations the following churches are listed among the first ten: Kewanee (Lauderdale), \$19.17; Trinity, Biloxi, \$18.73; Egypt, (Chickasaw), \$17.87; First, Moss Point, \$17.86; Carthage, \$17.34; Canton, First, \$16.88; Columbus, First, \$16.70.

Listed below are the 100 churches in Mississippi leading in per capita giving to the Cooperative Program during the past associational year and the 100 leading in both Cooperative Program and designated gifts.

We call attention to the fact that in most cases the figures were for the Associational year ending September 30, 1953.

In some instances the figures were for the 12-month period ending August 30, 1953. In either case a comparative 12-month pattern was followed.

All figures regarding contributions were taken from the Convention Board office.

The 1952 Associational minutes was the source from which the membership of the various churches was obtained.

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BADSEN CALLS

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say about people being together. The prophet Amos in the third chapter and third verse said, "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" Jesus said in Matthew 18:20, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Also in Acts 2:44 we are told that following Simon Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost, "All that believed were together." Paul wrote the Philippians in chapter 1, verse 27, "...stand fast in one spirit with one mind, striving together for the sake of the gospel." Finally Paul, speaking about the rapture of the saints of God at the second coming of Christ, assured us that in the end all born-again believers will be together.

In the third Chapter of 1 Corinthians, Paul spoke about a division in the church at Corinth. One group of Christians said they were of Paul, another faction said they were of Apollos, and so they were divided among themselves. Paul led the people to take their eyes off of the earthly messengers of God and place them upon our Father in heaven with these words, "For we are labourers together with God. Ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building." Note that Paul and Apollos were working together, and the Christians ought to work together, not only with one another, but also together with God.

THERE IS POWER IN COOPERATION. When an army of marching soldiers comes to a bridge, the rhythm of their steps will weaken and destroy the bridge, even though it be of good construction.

God's people working together in the spirit of harmony and cooperation can overcome any obstacle that the devil may throw in their path.

I. THE HISTORY OF MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS IS ONE OF WORKING TOGETHER.

Consider the early history of Baptists in Mississippi. Those early Baptist emigrants from South Carolina desired to be together, and so they organized the first Baptist church on Mississippi soil the latter part of the 18th century, twenty miles northeast of Natchez.



Here you see a picture of the Van Winkle Baptist Church that is now under construction. The foundation for the building has already been completed. When the church building was destroyed by fire last June 24, the people began immediately to rebuild. The picture is the architect's drawing, showing what the new \$419,000 structure will look like. The church is very grateful to many who have sent in donations ranging from \$1.00 to \$1,000. The church has issued \$200,000 in bonds for the purpose of paying for the building. Approximately \$100,000 of these bonds have already been sold. They pay 5% interest and can be bought in denominations of \$50, \$100, \$250, and \$500. The church has had a steady growth in Sunday School, Training Union and membership since the fire. They are now meeting in a 50'x50' tent, which has been filled most every service and for a few services people have had to sit on the outside. For Sunday School five classes meet in the tent. Other classes and departments are meeting in the following places. A barracks building, a metal prefabricated building, two classes in a cleaning plant, two classes in pastor's home, two classes in associate pastor's home, one class in pastor's garage, one class in church bus and two departments meeting in a rented duplex. The church has adopted a \$77,000 budget for the coming year.

In 1798 Baptist church was organized. . . .

By 1823 the number of Baptist churches in Mississippi had grown to 61, with a membership of 2,301 and three district associations — Mississippi, Union and Pearl River.

Our present State Convention was organized in 1836 because the Baptists of our state realized the importance of working together.

In 1866 the first state Baptist paper was published to further unify the work of our people. Then followed the acquisition of Mississippi College at Clinton in 1850, an orphan's home in 1866, and the creation of the State Mission Board of the Mississippi Baptist Convention in 1873 at Aberdeen. This Board was composed of 15 members with headquarters at Hazle-

hurst. The Board sought to unify the Baptist bodies around this territory by securing the cooperation of all districts associations in the state. In 1875 the Woman's Missionary Union received the official sanction of the State Convention.

Every one of these steps came as the expression of Mississippi Baptists to work together for the on-going of the Kingdom of God.

II. THERE ARE SOME DEFINITE REASONS WHY MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS WORK TOGETHER IN THE SPIRIT OF COOPERATION.

1. One reason for the cooperative spirit among us is that we follow the democratic process.

The program of Mississippi Baptists originates in the "grass roots." It is not a program handed down from the top, but one worked up from the people who live all over the state. There are two main sources from which a program of Mississippi Baptists comes. One is the Convention, which is composed of messengers from the churches of the state. The other is the Convention Board, which is composed of more than seventy men from the various associations of the state.

Mississippi Baptists are fortunate in having as our executive secretary Dr. Chester L. Quarles, who in my opinion, is as fine an executive secretary as we have in the Southern Baptist Convention. With his good spirit, ability and wisdom, he is pointing Mississippi Baptists to ever greater heights of achievement. He would be the first one to say that it is not in his jurisdiction to tell Mississippi Baptists what to do, but rather to take the spirit and the program of our people and lead us in an ever-increasing program of work. I thank God for Dr. Quarles and all who are on the staff at the Baptist Building, who

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COOPERATION IS

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necessary.

To get to that we need to ask ourselves the question, "What is the essential witness that Jesus wants? I believe in Him a the Son of God. I recognize Him a Christ and my faith is in Him. I trust Him. What more could He ask of me?" In our day we are followers of Christ but few of us are the witnesses Christ wants. What is the witness that Christ wants?

I. CHRIST WANTS A PERSONAL WITNESS

The witness which Christ wants is, first of all, a personal witness. "You shall be witnesses unto me." Notice the personal pronouns "you" and "me." "You shall be witnesses and your witness shall be concerning me." We go out to tell the story of a person. We are to share with others an experience that we have had. . . . It is a personal experience. We will never get far as a witness for Christ until, first, of all, our religion is a first-hand experience. But you will not be able to get people to listen to you nor to put much credence in your religion until you can say with the Apostle, "I know whom I have believed."

When Pilate had Jesus before him on trial, he asked the Lord if He really were the King of the Jews and then Jesus answered with that penetrating, incisive question that never fails to disturb me when I read it, "Sayest thou this thing of thyself, or did another tell it unto thee?" And there keeps ringing in my ears every time I prepare for a sermon that burning question: "Do you say this thing of yourself, or is it something that you have read?"

The secret which the early Christians had was simply this: They went out to tell what they knew had happened in their own experience. They didn't have a commentary. They didn't even have the Bible as we know it, but they had something without which it is utterly impossible to be the witness that Christ wants. They had a personal, first-hand, authentic experience with Jesus Christ and they went out to tell the world this: "Something has happened to us. We know it. We have experienced it. We want to tell you what's happened to us. We met Him face to face. Victory has become ours and we know how to live. We know how to face death. We know how to face every experience of life because we have met one who is life indeed and we want to share Him with you."

We aren't going to impress a preacher; we are not going to win the people in our day who ought to be reached by telling them of our beautiful buildings and the world in our day talking about our wonderful and attractive accommodations that we have.

The greatest need is that those who dare to name the name of Christ upon their lips will produce the character of Christ in what they do and how they think. For me to preach the gospel of Christ and then not to live the gospel of Christ will be as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal.

Some of us need to look into our hearts. Some of us need to go back

to the experience where we gave our hearts in a warm emotional experience to Christ and find whether or not we left Christ back there. Probably the greatest weakness of modern Christians is at that point. We had that warmth, that personal vibrant experience with Christ somewhere down the line. Most of us were boys and girls when we joined the church and gave our hearts to Christ. For the most of us, however, we have moved away from that personal experience of trust. It seems that many of us have put our faith in church and church organizations. Now church life is important. Sunday School life is important.

II. CHRIST WANTS A PURPOSEFUL WITNESS

The witness that Christ wants is also a purposeful witness. Witness for Christ is never without purpose. It always has planning to it. I see Jesus as the greatest planner and organizer that this world has ever known. He came in the fullness of time. He didn't come at some haphazard time in God's history. He came at God's time. It was planned. It was organized. Sometimes I hear people say that Christianity is too over-organized. Maybe so. If that's true, the Christianity which Jesus planned was too organized. He was an organizer of the first order. He had a crowd of 5,000 people. Do you think He fed them haphazardly? He said, "No, gather them into small groups and let me feed them." He sent His disciples out to witness. Did he say, "Just go any place you want to. Just go any way you feel led?" Listen to what He said, "You are going out two by two." He organized into small units and sent them out. It is still a good plan. And so when He was giving this command to witness, He gave a plan. He made it purposeful and organized. He helped them to know what He wanted them to do and so He said, "You are going to be witnesses of mine in Jerusalem and in Judea and in Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." Jesus outlined for them what He had in mind. He said, "You are not going out into the world and just go anywhere. You are to go out with a definite purpose, with a plan, an organization. You are going out to do what I am asking you to do and I am going to give you a purpose, a plan which you can follow." They did and the whole book of Acts, by the way, is outlined in that verse—Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and into the uttermost parts of the earth.

In our modern day, what does that mean? What's the purpose, the plan of our witness, your witness and mine in our modern day? Obviously, Jesus doesn't intend for us to begin at Jerusalem. Well, what is your Jerusalem and what is my Jerusalem? Well, it's my home town. It's my community. It's where I live. It's my home. It's the immediate circle of my influence. That's where I am to begin. The preacher is not going to get very far winning people to Christ when he has no influence over his own family. Sunday school teachers are not going to do much in the way of winning people and witnessing for Christ until,

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Billy Graham's

new book

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America's most dynamic evangelist now presents his hard-hitting message in book form.

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DOUBLEDAY & CO., Inc., Dept. BG., Garden City, N. Y.

The Orphanage And Thanksgiving

In recent issues of the Baptist Record mention has been made of the approaching Thanksgiving offering for the Orphanage.

The time is almost here. Every Church should have a share. If plans have not already been made, they should be made IMMEDIATELY.

The Orphanage needs food and clothes. Anything you can use will be welcomed. Their needs are about like yours.

But it also takes money. In addition to your produce, plan for an offering. Some do not have produce or clothes but would gladly give cash. Give them a chance.

Some churches put the Orphanage in their budget. We doubt the wisdom of that, just as we question putting any of our Cooperative Program objects in the budget. For this means that they get a special allocation and also their regular share of Cooperative Program funds.

As to the Orphanage, it will usually get more from a special offering than from a budget allocation. The Orphanage has an appeal that few, if any other objects have.

"Inasmuch as ye did it unto the least of these . . ."

Don't forget the Thanksgiving offering of produce, goods and cash. Send your cash to Baptist Convention Board, Box 530, Jackson, and be certain to mark it "For the Orphanage."

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We Congratulate The Brotherhood

Mississippi men can well be proud of the Brotherhood rally held in Jackson November 16. The program was packed with addresses that were informing, inspiring and invigorating.

Anyone who attended the sessions of this Convention will be forever without excuse for little living or sorry serving.

Secretary Roberts and his co-workers and his host of men and all who had a part in the planning and promotion of the Brotherhood Convention deserve orchids.

The work of the Brotherhood in Mississippi has made commendable progress since the beginning of the state-wide program under the leadership of the first State Secretary, Rev. J. H. Street in 1945. In 1947 he returned to the pastorate and was succeeded by W. R. Roberts. The number of Brotherhoods has grown from 53 in 1945 to 648 as of November 1, 1953.

As with other organizations, growth at first was slow because many people did not understand the Brotherhood. The same thing

was true of Training Union work and Sunday School work.

Pastors now realize that, just as organized woman-power makes progress, also does organized man-power.

The aim of the Brotherhood is to harness the man-power of the churches, to enlist and train these men in Kingdom Service.

Lack of space prevents listing many of the marvelous accomplishments of the organized manhood of Mississippi Baptists.

Churches and missions have been established. Pastors have been backed up and supported.

The Brotherhood is made up of a great group of guys.

—BR—

Messengers Should Report To Churches Upon Their Return

While there is a great deal of interest in the meeting of the Mississippi Baptist State Convention, we feel that there would be a greater interest if those who do attend make reports to the churches upon their return.

Most Mississippi churches send their pastors and pay their expenses. Certainly the pastor should report when he gets back. That would be a fine way of saying thank you for the trip and also a fine way of paying back the money expended by the church.

The state convention is one of the most important events in the life of the denomination, and it is well for the membership of the church to be informed of what is done.

Of course, the Baptist Record

each year carries a brief report of the Convention, but that will not take the place of a fresh, live report from the pastor or from other messengers who may have attended. While the Baptist Record tries to give all the important things that happen, sometimes one of our writers may miss something or what may seem important in the eyes of a messenger may not seem so important to the Baptist Record writer.

Messengers should report to the churches upon their return.

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Christmas Gift

We suggest that nothing would be more suitable as a Christmas gift for that Baptist friend than a year's subscription to the BAPTIST RECORD.

Such a gift will, in the coming year, offer a weekly reminder of your thoughtfulness. There will be pages of inspiration and information of interest to every Baptist and every Christian. Outstanding writers of our denomination contribute to the paper as well as those charged with denominational leadership.

The BAPTIST RECORD will make an ideal Christmas gift.

Send us the name of your friend and one dollar and fifty cents and state that you wish us to send a Christmas card and we will do the rest. For all of 1954 they will get the Baptist Record and in addition we will send them a card notifying them that they are receiving the Baptist Record as a gift from you. Better do it right now.



A Baptist Book

We have been thrilled by reading a pre-publication copy of "The Baptist Convention, 1945 to 1953" by Dr. W. W. Barnes.

The book will be off the press next January. It is a complete and colorful story of Southern Baptists since 1845.

Just as we are proud of our nation or state after reading their history, so will Baptists be after reading this book. Also it will make us better Baptists for "Informed Baptists are Better Baptists."

The book is carefully documented and reliable to the nth degree. Its scope attests to the fact that Dr. Barnes did a vast amount of research.

Those who have been under the impression that slavery was the sole cause of the division between Northern and Southern Baptists will get their eyes opened.

It also shows that most problems now plaguing Northern and Southern Baptists are not new ones.

This is the first complete history of Southern Baptists.

Its reading will cause renewed interest in Baptist history and pride in Baptist achievements.

Every Baptist should get this book. No church library should be without it and we urge every pastor to get a copy.

The regular price will be \$3.75 but orders received before January 12 will be filled for \$3.25. Orders should be sent to the Baptist Book Store.

—BR—

Our Readers Write

PLEASE TELL ME

Do our Baptists and other denominations over the State of Mississippi and in general and Panola county in particular think that the Temperance and Law Enforcement question for these areas has been settled or was the fact that no mention of same in the recent Panola County Association was simply an oversight on the part of those who have the job of making up the program? I was AMAZED at the omission, for in all my years of attending associations in Panola County I had heard burning discussions of this vital question . . . true I had not attended the association (Continue On Page Four)

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OUR READER WRITES

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for at least 3 years but I am told this was the FIRST association that had made no mention of the question. Also true that in MANY, MANY of those former years when it was brought before the assembled Baptists, absolutely nothing was DONE about it but the fact that it was spoken of was something in our favor. I have lived in this community of Union Baptist Church all my 57 years and NEVER BEFORE these past several months when a bootleg joint began operating in our very midst, have I seen as many liquor bottles strewn along the sides of the road from my home into the town of Sardis as are strewn there now . . . and it is positively dangerous to travel the road from Friday afternoon until Monday morning. Drunks pass my home driving at excessive rates of speeds, this on roads that are so narrow and so overgrown with bushes that one cannot see clearly the traffic hazards that are beyond. These drunks actually get down in the middle of the roads to shoot craps in the broad open daylight! Do you think they would have DARED do this when some of our fathers were alive and doing their best to rear their children in a decent community? I say NO . . . officers in those days respected the wishes of the people who elected them. They were appreciative of the trust put in them and they used BOTH hands in trying to do a good job. They didn't work with ONE hand and have the other hand behind them to collect BLOOD MONEY from the bootleggers and other law-breakers. I say BLOOD MONEY for that is what money made from unlawful operations is . . . it is money collected from youngsters and others in a business that makes the law-breaker rich while sapping the very life-blood from our children. Statistics say there was never a time when juvenile delinquency was so prevalent. Can we fathers and mothers

doubt it when we are pursuing our so-called pleasures and duties and like the ostrich hiding our heads in the sands in regard to the evils of drink, etc., that are enveloping our children? Not only are we as individuals falling down on our job but our churches are also.

Recently I examined the church books and I was very much interested in MINUTES of our CHURCH in which at the turn of the century, members were written-up as having been called before the church to account for misdeeds such as taking a drink, cursing, dancing, quarreling with a neighbor, etc. I could but wonder WHO in ANY church now could call the offending member "On the Carpet" . . . or who WOULD do it even if he or she were free of those charges themselves! Was it for such as we experience today that our fathers and mothers, and theirs before them, toiled and struggled and hewed an existence out of a wilderness for their families? Again I say NO . . . they expected and had a right to expect that we would follow in their footsteps and at least TRY to keep our communities clean by working to expose lawlessness AND by electing to office men who would do their utmost to uphold the laws of our land, not to break down the laws by accepting money for letting the lawless break the laws. I am not simple-minded enough yet to think for a minute that the officers who should be breaking up these liquor dens don't know they exist. They are PAID to know about them . . . they DO know about 'em, and I say its time WE THE PEOPLE saw that they DO something about them

CLARA BOWEN ANDREWS,

Route 1, Sardis, Miss.

—BR—

In sending names to be added to the EVERY FAMILY list of Lambert Church, the pastor wrote:

"This list reflects a gain of some ten or twelve names, a picture we like to

present, which in turn shows a gain in our membership and a better outlook in spiritual progress in Lambert. We believe our recent move to a full-time program will lead us to a much enlarged program in all phases of the kingdom's work in our church, and in giving to the Cooperative Program.

Permit me to congratulate you again for your great work in making the Baptist Record one of the finest, if not THE finest of all our denominational papers. Our people in Lambert look forward each week to reading the Record.

Our prayers and best wishes to the entire staff.

JOSEPH A. MAYER,
Pastor.—BR—
WHY?

Reference is to the reluctance manifested by so many to give a straight out, unequivocal reply to the question, "Are you a Communist?"

Why should there be any hesitation in a declaration or denial? And why be disturbed by the source of the question? Why take the ground that such a question is an infringement on personal liberty, or in violation of Constitutional rights?

One is either a Communist, or he is to say he is not. Any equivocation, so far as I am concerned, is suspect.

Nor do I see anything so sacrosanct in the ministry that the preacher is different from the plumber when loyalty not. It ought to be a matter of pride to the government is in question. It is a sad day when the ministry takes shelter in "the cloth," and holds itself to be immune from the probes that others face.

The quickest way for the ministry to merit the assured confidence of the public is to open the door itself, and invite that public to see how clean is its house. And the quickest way to destroy that confidence is to put storm bolts on the door, and deny entrance, under the plea that its right of sanctuary

is involved.

When anyone, preacher of otherwise, begins to argue about it and to erect verbal barricades, he at once raises a doubt—whether he intends to, or not.

Certainly it is a privilege to say, "I am not a Communist," and I think it is a declaration of which anyone should be only too happy to proclaim.

I repeat, a man is either a Communist, or he is not. Why then weasel word a reply? So then, let me proudly affirm, "I am not a Communist."

This is my personal viewpoint but does not in any wise position the Convention itself. I would not presume to speak for the Convention—only for myself.

J. W. STORER, President,
The Southern Baptist Convention.—BR—
HE SAYS "AMEN"

Dear Editor:

I'd just like to give a hearty amen to the reader who asked that "all preachers receiving pastoral aid to pledge themselves not to use tobacco in any form. (Ref. B. R. Oct. 29).

I am a firm believer and a contributor to mission work, but I don't like to see mission money used for things like tobacco.

May God give us more Christians who will take a firm stand against this, another evil.

A READER-LAYMAN.

—BR—

Dear Dr. Goodrich:

This is my first month of pastoring in Mississippi and also my first glance at the "Baptist Record." Let me add a word of commendation for the excellent job you are doing as editor of our state paper.

I especially appreciate the suggestion made by C. R. Maples, pastor of Wayside in Vicksburg in October 29th release, I shall look forward to Dr. R. Lofton Hudson's column each issue also.

CLYDE MARTIN, Pastor.

First Baptist Church,
Senatobia, Mississippi

A Southern Baptist Encyclopedia

On August 20, 1952, in Ridgecrest, North Carolina, an all-day conference sponsored by the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention was attended by several history teachers, the librarians of four of our Southern Baptist theological seminaries, representatives from Southern Baptist college faculties and several other capable and interested Baptists. They considered the question of books that are needed to be written to supply the history needs of Southern Baptists. First on the agenda was the need of a Southern Baptist Encyclopedia. After full discussion the group unanimously agreed that such a work was fundamentally necessary for Southern Baptists.

The next day this group presented its recommendation to the Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention in its annual session. After deliberate consideration the Commission unanimously approved the conclusion that an encyclopedia of Southern Baptist life and service is a necessity for meeting a seriously unmet need, and instructed Norman W. Cox, their Executive Secretary, to promote the idea.

Those in the conference and on the Commission are competent men and women. They know that this is a large undertaking. They realized, however, that such an encyclo-

pedia is the only way to provide the information and resources that are essential to the health of our Baptist life.

In the months that followed Dr. Cox developed a tentative concept by which an encyclopedia could be created by Southern Baptists. He tried out the idea on more than a score of the best-informed leaders in the various areas of our life. They expressed themselves as believing the plan is sound. They advised him to set it forth in a brochure to be circulated. This he did.

As of this date the response has been beyond expectation. One hundred seventy-three leaders of Southern Baptist life have registered their positive belief that we need a Southern Baptist Encyclopedia, and that one can be created by the pattern he has developed. Many have urged persistent action.

At a meeting of the Southern Baptist Promotion Committee in Oklahoma City on March 18, 1953, Dr. Cox presented the project to about seventy-five leaders in our Baptist life. They unanimously voted for him to call a conference in Nashville in mid-June to give the matter further consideration. This was done. At that conference on June 16, in Nashville a committee consisting of Dr. C. J. Allen, chairman, Dr. H. H. Hobbs, Dr. J. Howard Williams, Dr. S. H.

Jones, Dr. T. W. Medearis, was created and asked to suggest a procedure for the further exploration of this idea. This committee expressed its belief that steps should be taken, which in another article will be detailed, to present this idea to our Southern Baptist people. They authorized Dr. Allen to appoint a temporary committee to assist Dr. Cox in promoting this project until a permanent committee may be formed.

Those appointed by Dr. Allen to serve on this committee are: Dr. C. W. Pope, executive secretary of Tennessee Baptists, as chairman; Dr. Robert A. Baker, professor of Church History, Southwestern Baptist Seminary; Dr. John H. Buchanan, Pastor, Southside Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala.; Dr. Solon B. Cousins, professor, Department of Christian Studies, University of Richmond; M. W. Egerton, a learned lawyer and influential because of his services to Tennessee and Southern Baptists; and Dr. Samuel H. Jones, editor, The Baptist Courier, South Carolina.

In a series of short articles which will follow in consecutive weeks will be set forth a plan for the creation of a Southern Baptist Encyclopedia. An answer will be given to questions that have been raised. Its financial cost will be considered. The values it will furnish our Baptist life will be suggested.

HOMEWOOD CHURCH IS MAKING PROGRESS

The church at Homewood has made considerable progress during the past year under the leadership of Rev. L. N. Howard.

Sunday School attendance has grown from 27 to 52 and Training Union attendance from 23 to 49. The church now gives 10 per cent to the Cooperative Program and 5 per cent to community mission. The offerings have tripled.

The church now helps to pay the pastor's expenses to the Southern and state conventions. A W. M. S. has been organized along with several of the Young People's organizations.

During the year there have been 17 additions.

—BR—
Nashville, Tenn.—(BP)—When the state Baptist Training Union secretaries and associates meet December 14-16 in Nashville, plans will be made for the 1954 promotional program of the Training Union. General goals and plans for the organization of Training Unions in 3,000 additional Baptist churches will be considered, according to J. E. Lambdin, secretary, Training Union Department, Baptist Sunday School Board.

Ordained At Friendship



REV. TED WITCHEN

Ted Witchen of Pascagoula was recently ordained to the gospel ministry by the Friendship church in Kreole.

The message was preached by Rev. Pete Steelman, and Rev. James Williams presented the Bible.

The Rev. Mr. Witchen, who is a student at Mississippi College, has accepted the pastorate of the Friendship Church, Jackson county.



MISS BETTY FREEMAN

Miss Betty Carolyn Freeman, above, formerly of the Baptist Book Store of Jackson is now employed as office secretary and field worker for the Woman's Missionary Union Department at Albuquerque, New Mexico. Miss Freeman is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Freeman, Hattiesburg. She earned the B. A. degree at Mississippi Woman's College in 1949, did work on the MA degree at Mississippi Southern College at Hattiesburg, and in May, 1953, received the MRE degree from Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth. For several summers, Miss Freeman has worked at Camp Garaway.

BOARD ADOPTS

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Division IV, \$150,000 for capital needs of all institutions; and Division V, all monies above \$1,400,000 shall go 66-2-3 to world causes and 33 1-3 to endowment of the colleges.

The new schedule will provide a larger percentage for world-wide causes and for the first time will include monies for capital needs and endowment of its institutions.

The board adopted the following recommendation from the Social Service Commission:

"In the event that the new constitution is adopted by the 1953 convention that as a preferred item before institutional distribution of funds are made to the Baptist Orphanage and Mississippi Baptist Hospital, the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) to be shared equally by these institutions, to be allocated to the Social Service Commission for such expenditures as it may deem wise; the unspent balance to be divided equally between the institutions referred to."

—BR—
ST. LOUIS, Mo. (BP)—Groups expecting to have breakfasts or dinners in connection with the Southern Baptist Convention here next June 2-6, should get in touch with J. Loren Jolly, 1029 Dolores St., St. Louis, Mo., dinner and banquet chairman. His telephone number is Wy-1762. This is necessary in order to avoid conflicts.

—BR—
Rev. Carmon Savell has resigned the Merigold Church in order to accept the pastorate of the Iuka Church. Mr. Savell served the Merigold pastorate for four years, and has been active in the associational work and the state work, having served as State Board member. He will assume his new duties on December 1.

MEN'S RALLY

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benefit of all mankind."

Speaking just prior to Dr. Bates in the auditorium of the First Baptist Church was another native Mississippian, Dr. James L. Sullivan of Nashville, executive secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

He spoke to the large gathering of Baptist men from over the state on "Famous for the Fruits," stressing "What Jesus Sought, What Jesus Thought, What Jesus Taught."

He declared that Jesus' quest was for fruit. He had a right to expect it. The leaves indicated fruitfulness. Jesus anticipated wonderful fruits. He found "nothing but leaves." Yet, Jesus expects and

even demands fruit of his followers.

He said concerning what Jesus thought: "The sham was equivalent to human hypocrisy. Posing as fruitbearers when no fruit was produced, was to Jesus unpardonable. Fruitlessness for the Christian is equivalent to hypocrisy."

Concerning what Jesus taught he declared, "Punishment awaits the fruitless lives. The sum total of good done by some lives equals zero. Jesus finds no thrill in the color and pageantry of our churches if more souls and better lives are not produced thereby. Jesus promises fruit-bearing ability if our relation to him is like that of the branches to the vine."

The annual rally opened at 2 o'clock in the afternoon at the First Baptist Church and the afternoon

session was devoted largely to methods and discussion groups.

W. R. Roberts, State Brotherhood secretary, presided at both regular sessions. George Schroeder, Memphis, Secretary of the Brotherhood Commission, was present.

The social feature was a Brotherhood banquet at 5 o'clock at Calvary Church, Jackson, with Rev. Gordon Sansing of Jackson as the toastmaster. More than 400 men were present.

—BR—
The First Baptist Church, Cleveland held their revival Nov. 1-8 with the pastor Rev. W. H. Clarke doing the preaching and Verne Taylor as the Song Leader. There were 19 additions to the church with four for Baptism.

MISSISSIPPIAN TO HEAD N. O. SEMINARY SENIORS

NEW ORLEANS, La. —Robert L. Hughes, of McComb, has been elected president of the Senior Class at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary for the 1953-54 session.

Other officers selected: Vice-President—George Louis Zbinden, Picayune, Miss.

Secretary and Chairman of Invitations Committee—Dorris Bailey Batesville, Miss.

Chairman of Caps and Gowns Committee—John Thurman Lewis, Eupora, Miss.

Chairman of Banquet Committee, Vesta Jane Price, Jackson, Miss.



FROM all parts of the world comes the call for trained Christian workers. Pastors need assistants; churches need ministers of music, ministers of education, and secretaries; the need for student workers, chaplains, denominational workers, and home and foreign missionaries continues to increase. The answer to these needs cannot come from a seminary. It must come from the churches where decisions are made for Christian service. Southern Seminary is prepared to train the army of Christian workers which our world needs. But the challenge for service must begin in the local church.

WHEN Southern Seminary established the School of Church Music several years ago, and more recently the School of Religious Education, it added the facilities and faculty necessary to prepare young men and women for all fields of Christian service. But progress creates new needs which must not be ignored. More dormitories and larger library facilities are urgently needed. More teachers and additional classrooms must be provided soon. Southern Seminary is willing to accept the challenge to train the army. But with the challenge comes the responsibility to provide adequate facilities. We cannot — we must not ignore it!

We Are Counting on the Cooperative Program!

Southern Baptist

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

LEXINGTON ROAD, LOUISVILLE, KY.

Duke K. McCall, President

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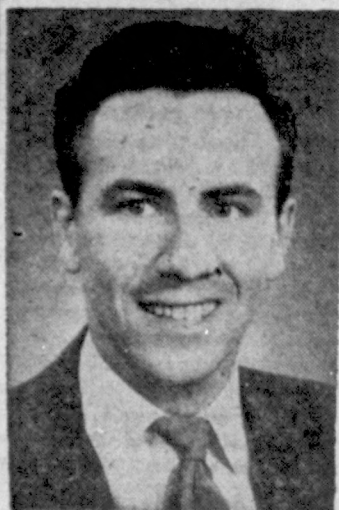
Church	Per Capita Coop. Gifts
Tupelo, Calvary	22.41
Berwick (Mississippi Asso.)	17.16
Meridian, 15th Avenue	16.51
Biloxi, Trinity	14.40
Jackson, Calvary	13.79
Grenada, First	13.64
Canton, First	13.32
Carthage	13.00
Egypt (Chickasaw)	12.50
Columbus, First	12.41
Picayune, First	11.88
Galilee, Gloster	11.53
Crystal Springs, First	11.30
Quitman, First	11.00
Pontotoc, First	10.90
Moss Point, First	10.86
New Albany, First	10.86
Brookhaven, First	10.84
Meridian, First	10.83
Belzoni, First	10.79
Tupelo, Harrisburg	10.71
Hazlehurst, First	10.59
Monticello	10.44
Georgetown (Copiah)	10.06
McComb, First	10.06
Kewanee (Lauderdale)	9.89
Gulfport, First	9.70
Wiggins	9.41
Sardis	9.32
Yazoo City, First	8.86
Morgan City	8.64
Vicksburg, First	8.46
Jackson, Alta Woods	8.35
Cleveland, First	8.20
Jackson, First	8.13
Calhoun City, First	8.07
Okolona	7.90
Friendship (Pike)	7.89
Ripley	7.87
Jackson, Daniel	7.85
Memorial	7.85
Durant, First	7.82
Philadelphia, First	7.79
Coldwater	7.74
Webb	7.49
Shubuta	7.37
Pascagoula, First	7.30
Mt. Olive	7.27
West Poplarville (Pearl River)	7.25
Riverside (Jackson)	7.19
Prentiss, First	7.14
Edwards (Hinds)	7.09
Laurel, First	7.06
Laurel, Highland	7.02
Ruleville, First	7.02
Pochantas, (Hinds)	7.01
Leland, First	6.99
Lexington, First	6.98
Terry's Creek (Pike)	6.95
Holly Springs	6.94
Palestine (Hinds)	6.90
Poplar Spring Drive, Meridian	6.88
Antioch (Jeff Davis)	6.70
Jackson, West Jackson	6.67
West Point, First	6.61
Progress (Pike)	6.47
Lyon	6.42
Aberdeen, First	6.39
Gautier (Jackson)	6.38
Phalti (Jeff Davis)	6.29
East Lawn (Jackson)	6.22
Itta Bena, First	6.13
Hattiesburg, First	6.11
Jackson, Leavells Woods	6.11
Bay Springs	6.07
East Moss Point	6.02
Providence (Franklin)	6.02
Mt. Moriah (Lincoln)	5.98
Roxie (Franklin)	5.96
Bethesda (Hinds)	5.89
McLain	5.86
Batesville, First	5.83
Oak Grove (Lauderdale)	5.76
Arcola	5.76

Flora	5.75
Myrtle	5.70
Florence, Steens Creek	5.59
State Blvd. (Lauderdale)	5.57
Jackson, Northside	5.57
Kreole (Jackson)	5.55
Fair River (Lincoln)	5.52
Eastview (Lauderdale)	5.51
Hebron (Lauderdale)	5.42
Drew	5.40
Jackson, Parkway	5.38
Lucedale	5.37
East McComb	5.36
Ackerman	5.35
Tunica	5.33
Columbia, Calvary	5.25
Meridian, Southside	5.24

PER CAPITA TOTAL MISSION GIFTS

Church	Per Cap. Mis. Gifts
Tupelo, Calvary	30.81
Berwick (Miss. Assn.)	20.23
Meridian, 15th Ave.	19.60
Kewanee, (Lauderdale)	10.17
Biloxi, Trinity	18.73
Egypt (Chickasaw)	17.87
Moss Point, First	17.86
Carthage	17.34
Canton, First	16.88
Columbus, First	16.70
Laurel, First	16.53
Progress (Pike)	16.40
Galilee, Gloster	16.03
Grenada, First	15.87
Pontotoc, First	15.56
Jackson, Calvary	15.34
Belzoni, First	15.10
Meridian, First	15.04
Leland, First	13.55
New Albany, First	13.14
Richton	13.04
McComb, First	13.00
Picayune, First	12.91
Tunica	12.84
Georgetown	12.69
Brookhaven, First	12.51
Jackson, First	12.47
Hazlehurst, First	12.39
Quitman, First	12.28
Gulfport, First	12.18
Prentiss, First	12.16
Crystal Springs, First	12.04
Sardis	11.58
Monticello	11.45
Bay Springs	11.36
Yazoo City, First	11.30
Riverside (Jackson)	11.19
Wiggins	11.05
Tupelo, Harrisburg	10.99
Coldwater	10.90
Calhoun City, First	10.77
Florence, Steens Creek	10.48
Laurel, Highland	10.41
Cleveland, First	10.38
West Point, First	10.34
Jackson, Daniel Mem.	10.30
Ripley	10.23
Grace (Yazoo)	10.22
Webb	10.03
Forest	10.00
Arcola	9.89
Okolona	9.85
Hattiesburg, First	9.82
Vicksburg, First	9.64
Ruleville, First	9.63
Columbia, First	9.62
Liberty	9.59
Durant, First	9.58
Jackson, Alta Woods	9.44
West Poplarville (Pearl River)	9.38
Meridian, Pop. Spgs. Dr.	9.28
Pocahontas (Hinds)	9.27
Pascagoula, First	9.26
Marks	9.21
Holly Springs	9.19
Myrtle	9.07
Edwards (Hinds)	8.90
Batesville, First	8.87

Eastside Observes 1st Anniversary Of Pastor



REV. HAROLD O'CHESTER

On November 8, Eastside Church of Jackson celebrated the first anniversary of Rev. Harold O'Chester as pastor.

Dinner on the ground and an afternoon of singing, were the special events of the day, with 146 in Sunday School and 85 in Training Union.

Much progress has been noted during the past year ending October 1. Sunday School average attendance rose from 66 to 131, Training Union is now averaging 71. Baptisms totaled 33, and also there were 37 other additions during the church year, making a total of 70.

A new nursery has been added, also a \$1,500.00 cooling system installed. In October ground was broken for the addition to the church plant of a 10 room educational building.

A new challenging program of expansion and organization has been presented to the church and much progress is being made.

—BR—

The Baptist Record appreciates a nice list of renewal subscriptions from Issaquena Church. The list was sent by Mrs. Troy Sandifer.

Philadelphia, First	8.84
Gautier (Jackson)	8.88
Newton	8.69
Morgan City	8.67
Terry's Creek (Pike)	8.61
Oak Grove (Lauderdale)	8.59
Aberdeen, First	8.42
Shubuta	8.39
Mt. Bena, First	8.37
Briar Hill (Rankin)	8.34
Lexington	8.27
Friendship (Pike)	8.25
Ackerman	8.20
Mt. Olive	8.11
Kosciusko, First	8.08
East Moss Point	8.06
Jackson, West Jackson	7.99
Louisville, First	7.98
Merigold	7.91
Mt. Moriah (Lincoln)	7.87
East Lawn (Jackson)	7.85
Liberty (Rankin)	7.83
N. Carrollton (Carroll)	7.80
Jackson, Northside	7.79
Phalti (Jeff Davis)	7.77
Clinton	7.77
Bethesda (Hinds)	7.72
Palestine (Hinds)	7.70
Enterprise (tie)	7.66
Osyka (Pike) (tie)	7.66
State Blvd. (Lauderdale)	7.65
Antioch (Jeff Davis)	7.50

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

By AUNT POLLY

No Time Off

Aaron reminds me of a lot of people I know who go to church every Sunday and express their love for God, but during the week they forget God's love.

Moses had led the children of Israel out of bondage in Egypt. They had depended on God each step of the way and continually expressed their love for Him. But when Moses went up on the mountain to commune with God, the people quickly forgot how God had cared for them and loved them.

Aaron made a molten calf from the gold which the people gave. And when Moses returned he found the people dancing and rejoicing and worshipping the molten calf.

Moses heart was broken and God was angry with the people.

I wonder if we do not sometimes cause God to become angry with us. He expects those who are Christians to grow in Christian grace. To do this we must put into practice the things we learn while we are at church—such as kindness and consideration, honesty, truthfulness, and willingness to witness for Him. We need to grow in Christian grace, and that is not easy. It is a task to which we must apply ourselves and must ask for God's help and guidance.

We must not take time off from our Christian living as did the children of Israel at this moment of weakness.

—BR—

Dear Aunt Polly:

I enjoy reading the Baptist Record each week. I go to Forkville Church. We really do like our pastor, Bro. Sullivan. We are having State, Home and Foreign missionaries at our church this week to tell us about their work and the people they teach about Christ.

Some of those here are: Rev. George Turner, principal of the Magoffin Baptist Institute, Mountain Valley, Ky.; Miss Minnie Berry, missionary to mountain people in Ky., Tenn., and Ala.; Mrs. Rex Ray, former missionary to China. Rev. A. N. Murray, rural missionary to Negroes in La.; Dr. C. M. Dawson, former medical missionary to Mexico.

We had a Choctaw Indian who

told us about the Indian people and their language. His name is Rev. Robert Ben of Leake county. They need more churches for his people.

I have written a story told by Rev. George Turner. I could never be a good writer, but I am willing to do my best for Jesus.

LORETTA COWARD.

Dear Loretta:

You have done an excellent job in your writing, both in the information given above and the story about Pauline, which follows. Thank you for sharing this story with our readers.

AUNT POLLY.

"PAULINE"

Pauline lived in the mountains in Kentucky with her family. One day Pauline decided that she wanted to go to school. So she and her daddy set out for the school, riding their mules.

When they reached the Magoffin Baptist Institute, Pauline and her daddy went into the office of Rev. George Turner, principal, to place her in school. She wore a dress down to her feet. Pauline had never heard of a radio, and she heard one there and asked "What's that?" She had never seen running water in a house before. She got lost at the school, but finally learned her way around. The first year she didn't like it, the second was a little better, and this year is her third year. She has learned to dress like the other girls and she has learned about Jesus.

She asked her teachers if she could go home every weekend and start a Sunday School. She did, and she has won her three sisters to Christ. Her daddy and mother are yet unsaved. But Pauline is determined to win them soon!

—BR—

CHURCH AT SCOOPA SHOWS REAL GROWTH

The church at Scooba has experienced a real growth since the coming of Rev. T. R. Coulter, Jr., as pastor in August.

There has been twenty-two additions to the church, a number of dedications to christian service, a record increase in the finance, the budget set for an increase of the cooperative program gifts by 65 per cent over the previous year, the pastor's home has been completely redecorated inside and out and the church indebtedness has been reduced approximately \$2000.

Under the leadership of Mrs. Coulter, W. M. U. Young People's leader, the organization now has all the missionary organizations.

A Brotherhood has also been organized.

Family night has been a great success since its inauguration one half of the resident members have been enlisted in attendance

Baptist Training Union

P.O. Box 530, Jackson, Miss.
G. G. PIERCE Associate
LOUISE HILL Associate
KERMIT S. KING Director
NETA STEWART Associate
SAMMIE CAMPBELL Office Secretary

Training Union Convention To Meet In Jackson, Dec. 29



DR. R. G. LEE
TRAINING UNION CONVENTION
SINGLE COL MAT DR. R. G. LEE
 The Mississippi Baptist Training Union Convention is scheduled to meet in Jackson on December 2, 1953. Dr. R. G. Lee is one of the featured convention speakers and will speak at the evening session. Dr. Lee is pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church of Memphis, Tennessee.

Magnanimity

Recently the Smithfield Herald, one of the best small-town newspapers in North Carolina carried a story that is a gem. It was the story of two Negro country girls, Ardesial Williams and Elizabeth Barnes. They graduated together from high school, first and second in their class, and have entered college together. They were close rivals, also close friends.

The Smithfield paper properly gave the story front-page space under the striking headline, "Johnston County Training School Graduate Splits Scholarship So Her Friend May Also Attend College." I do not recall a story of a finer act in a lifetime.

Ardesial showed remarkable talent as a student. She was valedictorian of her class, winning the \$100 Alumni Scholarship "for excellence in conduct and scholarship." She also made the highest possible score on her test for entrance to North Carolina College in Durham — 120 in a possible score of 120. Her friend and rival, Elizabeth Barnes, scored 110.

This is but the prelude to a finer story. Her friend Elizabeth was short of money to enter college. Ardesial reasoned, "Why should I have all the \$100 scholarship? Elizabeth trailed but a short step behind me—she was salutatorian of our graduation class. And she

see. His message will be "Sharing the Faith."

The theme of the convention will be "Keeping the Faith" There will be a morning, afternoon, and evening session. The features are as follows: Junior Memory Work Drill, Primary Story Time, Adult Mission Story Feature, Informative Conference for all departments, inspiring music and messages, outstanding out-of-state personalities.

The convention program and various phases of the convention will be highlighted in succeeding issues of the Baptist Record.

ATTENTION, ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS

November 20 is almost upon us and that is the time scheduled for our Associational Officers Planning Meeting. This will be our last opportunity to remind you through this column and we hope you will take heed and plan to be with us for this all important meeting.

The meeting will be held at First Baptist Church, Jackson, and will begin at 10 a. m. and will be concluded at 4:30 p. m. A program has been planned which will be of interest and help to each associational officer. The purpose of this meeting is to launch the Southern Baptist Training Union promotional program for 1954, and to plan its promotion.

needs money for college — maybe more than do I."

So Ardesial split the scholarship, giving Elizabeth half, "so her friend may also attend college!"

Johnston county and North Carolina should be proud to tell the story of this Negro girl. The nation needs to hear it to shame the egotism and selfishness of our time. I think it will go down as one of the nation's finest stories of the year. It is an act as magnanimous as it is rare. Ardesial has done honor to her race — and nation — and the Christian religion! Many will feel a warming of the heart at her story. Many would like to keep up with the girl who "split her scholarship so her friend may also attend college!"

Editor's Note: Smithfield is the county seat of our Native County.

Nashville, Tenn.—(BP) — September 3-4, 1954, was set for the second annual Family Life Workshop, according to Orin Cornette, program chairman. The workshop, to be held in Nashville, will be sponsored jointly by the Education Commission, the Christian Life Commission, and the Home Curriculum Department of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

November 15, 1953

Pascagoula, First	849	348
Main School	678	267
Jackson Ave. Chapel	59	28
McArthur Chapel	77	32
Orange Grove Chapel	35	19
Beulah (Brownsville)	92	79
Gulfport, Grace Mem.	217	76
Vicksburg, Northside	62	43
Hattiesburg, Temple	601	184
Calvary (Amite)	38	45
New Prospect (Lafayette County)	96	63
Laurel, Second Ave.	469	124
Wayside	46	23
Miss. City Mission	44	23
East McComb	444	212
Meridian, Poplar		
Springs Drive	374	128
Clarksdale	666	113
Columbus, Southside	142	93
Main Church	129	
Mission	13	
Kreole, First	101	60
Gulfport, New Hope	83	33
Olive Branch	131	64
Cranfield	78	51
Canton, Center Terrace	332	245
Bethlehem (Jones Co.)	188	134
Shiloh (Marion Co.)	60	85
Friendship (Jackson Co.)	101	72
Glenfield (Union Co.)	104	89
Zion (Pontotoc Co.)	146	86
Petal, First	80	43
Union (Chickasaw Co.)	60	66
Concord (Choctaw Co.)	96	98
Kosciusko, First	725	240
Chester (Choctaw Co.)	73	62
Meridian, Southside	428	172
Aberdeen, First	427	126
New Albany, First	617	202
Mission	37	
Darling	75	55
Longview (Oktibbeha Co.)	87	74
Hernando, First	213	109
Brookhaven, First	824	321
Main	702	252
Southway	94	51
Halbert Heights	28	18
Meridian, Highland	495	142
West Point, Calvary	217	128
Drew	273	70
Meridian, 15th Ave.	569	264
Calhoun City	363	168
Philadelphia, First	393	129
Raymond	180	83
Gillsburg (Amite Co.)	161	117
Crystal Springs, First	673	199
Trinity	186	56
Corinth, Tate St.	307	107
Laurel, Harmony	163	93
Charleston, First	396	156
Yazoo City, Calvary	254	163
Long Beach, First	256	83
Main Church	229	
29th St. Mission	27	
Laurel, First	610	188
Picayune, First	652	213
West Laurel	430	170
Laurel, Hillcrest	55	65
McComb, Friendship	170	73
McComb, Locust St.	79	52
Meridian, Oakland	246	78
Grenada, Hardy	103	94
Louisville, First	420	165
Greenwood, Calvary	439	193
Fair River (Lincoln Co.)	81	42
Laurel, Highland	212	118
Bay St. Louis	145	57
Grenada, Emmanuel	275	94
Grenada, First	636	158
Petal-Harvey	368	148
Main School	360	
Harvey Mission	8	
Ruleville	215	83
Clinton	595	373



OF INTEREST TO ALL THE BAPTIST RECORD

The Bromwell Press has published "Strength for Struggle: Christian Social Witness in the Crucible of the Times" by William Howard Melish, minister of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Brooklyn, New York; the volume of essays and supplementary interleave emphasizing the dynamic values to be found in traditional Christian social insights and their creative usefulness today in the alleviations of contemporary contentions and prejudices. Dr. Melish is the son of Dr. John Howard Melish, formerly Pastor of Holy Trinity Church and the principle figure in the so-called "Melish Case." Orders should be sent to the Baptist Book Store or to the Bromwell Press 157 Montague Street, Brooklyn 1, N. Y. The price is \$2.75.

Yazoo City, First	503	192
Holly Bluff	96	85
Hattiesburg, Main St.	940	392
Union (Alcorn Co.)	90	87
Columbus, East End	246	114
Lula	85	37
Pelahatchie	176	74
Gulfport, First	953	331
East Corinth	119	78
Wheeler Grove (Alcorn Co.)	127	136
Wellman (Lincoln Co.)	71	54
Sand Hill (Jones Co.)	66	54
Newton	512	297
Lucedale	364	163
Jackson:		
Calvary	1448	463
Main	1391	412
Mission	57	51
Parkway	1253	782
Daniel Memorial	673	317
Northside	546	183
Highland	133	95
Crestwood	612	415
Southside	402	195
West Jackson	254	123
Van Winkle	436	288
Leavell Woods	138	103
Robinson St.	181	
First	1618	655
Main	1447	561
Ridgecrest	171	94
New Hope (Marion Co.)	164	112
Marks, First	199	66
Morton	304	142
Main	284	
Mission	28	

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Pascagoula, Eastlawn	180	137
Miss. City Mission	34	22
Meridian, South Side	411	182
Long Beach	184	67
Main Church	153	
29th St. Mission	31	
Tupelo, Harrisburg	553	227
Pleasant Ridge (Chickasaw Co.)	86	69
Nola Church (Lawrence Co.)	47	40
Yazoo City, First	474	174
New Prospect (Lafayette Co.)	97	68

CALENDAR OF PRAYER

November 23—Dr. Harry Lee Spencer, Secretary of Baptist Foundation, Baptist Building; Mrs. C. E. Graves, Franklin County Sunday School Superintendent.
 November 24 — Tom Douglas, Clarke College Trustee; Rev. V. J. Brunnels, Gulf Coast Association Training Union director.
 November 25—D. L. Stennis, Baptist Hospital trustee; Milton Tutor, Union County Brotherhood president.
 November 26—Rev. Floyd Barnes, Jackson, Mississippi Education Commission; Rev. John Landrum, Blue Mountain College trustee.
 November 27—State Music Festival Herbert Herrington, Baptist Memorial Hospital trustee.
 November 28—Carmon Savell, Bolivar County Convention Board member; George A. Thornton, Mississippi College trustee.
 November 29—D. L. Simmons, Baptist Foundation trustee.

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GOING PLACES

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Covington Association

By REV. BYRON MATHIS

The Covington Association held its annual session Thursday night and Friday October 22 and 23 with the Collins Baptist Church and Rev. W. B. Able pastor.

Dr. A. L. Goodrich brought an impressive and inspiring message about our State Work. Dr. I. E. Rouse, Mr. E. R. Blake brought encouraging reports on Christian education.

Each church has an organized Sunday School and only one church does not have an active Training Union. Last year four churches did not give through the Cooperative Program and this year advance was made so that only two failed to give to this great cause. One church sent receipts late so all churches but one gave to the Cooperative Program and the other church has already included it in their budget. Next year our association will be one hundred percent in giving to this work.

Brotherhood work and Woman's Missionary Union reported the largest percentage increases in new members. The WMU showed a fifteen per cent increase in members.

The association voted unanimously and enthusiastically to ask the state convention to approve Mississippi Woman's College for rendering a greater service to our state by becoming co-educational.

Officers elected were: J. R. Hills, moderator; Ralph Herrin, vice-moderator and Rev. C. S. Moulder, clerk and treasurer. Rev. C. O. Estes is to bring association sermon next year. The 1954 sessions will be held with Mt. Horeb on Thursday night and Friday Oct. 21 and 22.

The Baptist Record was given a good 20 minutes at the night session. The feature of the evening session was one hour presentation of Christian Education under the direction of C. S. Moulder. Time was divided between a report by Brother Moulder; an inspiring address on Christian Education by Dr. I. E. Rouse, president of Woman's College; a speech on Christian Education by Edward Blake, alumni secretary of Mississippi College; and a presentation of the Mississippi College picture, "The Fairest of All." Special music was rendered by the sextet of Woman's College.

Record readers in Covington County are now listed as follows: COLLINS, 60; LEAF RIVER, 34; MT. HOREB, 36; MT. OLIVE, 119; NEW HOPE, 47; ORA, 43; SALEM, 102; SANFORD, 35; SEMINARY, 99; WILLIAMSBURG, 35; UNION JR., 22.

Gulf Coast Association

By Rev. W. S. Allen

The seventy-sixth annual session of the Gulf Coast Association was held October 12-13-14, in the Lyman Baptist Church, with Rev. N. J. Lee as host Pastor. There were three evening sessions all well attended.

The following officers were elected: Rev. John W. Green, Moderator; Rev. R. C. Clardy, vice-moderator; Rev. W. S. Allen, Clerk;

and Mr. George Estes, treasurer; and Rev. John W. Green, State Convention Board member. Rev. O. B. Anderson is the Associational Missionary.

The association now has twenty six full-time churches and four growing missions. The total membership of these churches and missions as shown by the letters to the association is 8,988. There were 48 additions by baptism and 1,124 additions by letter and statement.

The total gifts to all missions was \$53,306 and to all causes \$366,612.

Highlights in the meeting were the annual sermon by Rev. Glenn Dismukes of Handsboro, the address on "World Missions" by Dr. J. Wash Watts of the New Orleans Seminary, two addresses by the Editor of the Baptist Record, Dr. A. L. Goodrich on the Baptist Record and the Cooperative Program. The setting up of an Associational Music Department with Mr. Jimmy Jones as Director, and the closing message by Rev. Schuyler Batson of Bay St. Louis. Special music was rendered by the Handsboro Choir and the Lyman Choir.

All Gulf Coast churches and missions now have full-time services except one which has only night services.

Gulf Coast Association Baptist Record readers are now listed as follows: BAY ST. LOUIS, 113; Kiln (Shifalo), 10; LOGTOWN, 39; Pearlinton, 1; Lake Shore, 15; BIG RIDGE, 40; Biloxi, FIRST, 326; EAST HOWARD, 151; CALVARY MISSION, 17; Crane, 2; GULFPORT, 1ST, 861; EAST SIDE, 79; GRACE MEMORIAL, 62; FERNWOOD (BOWEN MEMO.), 30; HANDSBORO, 120; LONG BEACH, 161; Mississippi City, 2; NEW HOPE 67; PASS CHRISTIAN 38; Sharon, 16; WEST GULFPORT 23; WOOLMARKET, 40; LYMAN, 38; Riverside, 11; MCHENRY, 21; Success, 18; TRINITY, 62; Meadowview, 11.

Lowndes Association

We attended the first day of the Lowndes Association, which met with Dr. S. R. Woodson and the First Church, Columbus. If the second day was as good, it was out of this world. Not only did they have a good program; but they had a dinner that was fit for a king. Real barbecue and plenty of it with all the trimmings was served at the lunch hour.

Another reason we liked the Lowndes Association is the fact that we were given 35 minutes to set forth the merits of the Baptist Record. Rev. Marvin Palmer was unable to preach the associational sermon due to illness. Rev. K. Z. Stevens was the pinch-hitter, and he hit a home run.

Officers elected are: Rev. C. O. Daniels, moderator; Rev. Marvin Palmer, vice-moderator; Rev. A. C. Furr, clerk and treasurer.

Record readers in Lowndes County are now listed as follows: Artesia, 17; BORDER SPRINGS, 32; Caledonia, 2; CALVARY, 58; Columbus, FIRST, 694; Columbus, EAST END, 165; McBee, 8; Mayhew, 15; MT. VERNON, 40; NEW SALEM, 59; PLEASANT HILL, 39; PLYMOUTH, 52; Central 8; SOUTHWIDE, 43; ANTIOCH, 24. Waterworks, 12.

BASDEN CALLS

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are leading us in such a fine way in the work of our Lord.

2. ANOTHER REASON FOR THE SPIRIT OF COOPERATION AMONG US IS THAT SUCCESS HAS EVER ATTENDED OUR EFFORTS.

Pick at random any one of the departments of our Convention. Notice the progress that has been and is being made.

Ten years ago Cooperative Program gifts were \$269,036.40. This year for the second consecutive year, our gifts through the Cooperative Program have exceeded a million dollars. This year the total is \$1,201,335.51, a gain of 17 per cent over ten years ago.

In every department of our work we have seen tremendous strides in the past years. The work among our Negro brethren has grown to the place where now hundreds are attending the various Seminary centers to train themselves as preachers and lay workers.

Sunday School, Training, Brotherhood, Woman's Missionary Union, music, evangelism, student work, promotion, THE BAPTIST RECORD, rural church work, the Baptist Foundation—have all seen wonderful progress. Nothing succeeds like success. When a co-operative spirit brings forth a development and growth such as we are seeing, no wonder Mississippi Baptists are happy to work together.

3. ANOTHER REASON FOR OUR SPIRIT OF COOPERATION IS SEEN IN THE FACT THAT WHERE THE SPIRIT OF GOD IS, THERE IS UNITY.

We thank God for the fellowship among the preachers of our state and the members of the various churches. Mississippi has a happy fellowship that is in evidence in all of our meetings. Wherever God's Spirit is, there is going to be the spirit of cooperation.

III. BAPTISTS HAVE NEVER BELIEVED IN COOPERATION A THE PRICE OF OUR BELIEFS AND CONVICTIONS.

1. We are living in a time when people are placing a premium upon getting along with others regardless of the price. There is a very definite attempt to reduce everyone to a common denominator. The magic word today is not what is right, but what is expedient.

The world has no use for a person who lives either above it or below it. It despises the saint as well as the criminal. Around the cross of Jesus, as you recall, the cry was "Come down from the cross and we will believe" (Matthew 27:42). They wanted Jesus to come down to their level. They had no more use for him than they did for the thieves. The thieves were below their level, Christ was above it.

Baptists through the years have preached to the world a distinctive message from the Word of God. Through experience we have found that entangling alliances with other groups only serve to compromise our position, weaken our messages and rob us of the power of the Holy Spirit.

There is great pressure being exerted today upon Baptist groups, especially the Southern Baptist Convention, to cooperate with groups whose doctrinal beliefs are far from ours. Thank God, South-

ern Baptists have taken a firm stand against all such entangling alliances.

Baptists believe in cooperation, but not in cooperation that in any wise compromises our doctrinal position and the gospel of salvation which is so precious to us.

IV. THERE IS A SPIRIT OF URGENCY THAT LEADS "THE BAPTISTS OF MISSISSIPPI INTO A CLOSER SPIRIT OF COOPERATION." It is the same urgency that sent Paul to every known country in the world to preach Christ and to spread the gospel. He gives it to us in Romans 1:13-16.

1. The first sense of urgency comes from a recognition of our debt to the world. Paul said "I am debtor both to the Greeks and the barbarians, both to the wise and the unwise."

Mississippi Baptists recognize our debt to the world. It is not a debt that can be paid in dollars and cents. We owe a debt to a lost world in that we have a message of salvation that can save the millions now doomed to an everlasting hell. In recognition of that debt, we give of our money to send missionaries, we give of our youth to preach Christ to the nations of the world, we promote a program of work that only begins in Mississippi and never stops until it has covered this earth.

2. We can agree with Paul in that we are "not ashamed of the gospel of Christ."

Since we are not ashamed we have banded ourselves together to give our testimony to others.

3. We can also say with Paul, "I am ready." Not only do we recognize our debt to the world, and not only are we not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, but we are ready to do everything within our power

through a spirit of voluntary cooperation to help save a lost world.

CONCLUSION: Thank God for the spirit of cooperation and harmony that we find among Mississippi Baptists. We are laborers together with God. The accomplishments of the past give to us a greater zeal for the future, as we work together toward the end that men might know Christ, whom to know is life everlasting.

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first of all, their witness counts in their own home. Business men are not going to do much in witnessing for Christ until, first of all, they do something with the men who work with them and for them.

There is a little trick here which we play on ourselves. Many of us get quite interested in world missions. That's easy to think about. Somebody else is doing that work for Christ and we save our conscience in a little trick, the psychology of which none of us is able to understand, by saying: "I am witnessing because I am giving to a church that shares in the greatest mission program of any denomination." That's well and good and we ought to do more. We ought to be ashamed of ourselves for doing so little. However you can never substitute interest in missions around the world for interest in witnessing to somebody in your own home. Some of us so interested in world missions have never talked to our own children about becoming Christians.

But then, the plan goes beyond the home. It includes people of despised races and nationalities. It goes to the Samaritans. The Samaritans were a Mongrel race. They were looked down upon, despised, hated, and Jesus said, "Don't forget. I want you to go into Samaria, too." We live in America; the land of the free and the home of the brave. Justice is for all and yet some have to say, "except me." Justice is lip service in America because we live in a land which purports democracy but which does not practice democracy. We live in a land of despised nationalities, races and religious groups. The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist convention has made an honest and earnest endeavor to try to reach these people. In Mississippi we have a significant program which helps to train Negro preachers for the ministry. We need to witness personally to these people who have a black skin, who by accident of race belong to another background than what we belong to. Some of us have them working in our homes and have never shared with them the most precious thing that we know. We give to them things out of the home and let them share every other thing except the one thing that is most needful. We never talk to them about Christ. Some of us have Negro men and Negro women in our employment and have never talked to them about how to be saved. "We need to go to Samaria," is what Jesus said and the Samaria of our day is the Samaria of those who are in the minority by reason of race, religion or what not.

But Jesus says that our witness is also to be unto the uttermost part of the earth. God is a world God. God so loved the world. The world was on the heart of Jesus and Jesus died for the world. Christianity is essentially a world religion. Mississippi Baptists share in that kind of religion. We are sharing more and more in missions through our co-operative program as we are working purposefully to carry the gospel to the last stretch of land in this world.

III. CHRIST WANTS A POWERFUL WITNESS

The witness that Christ wants is

a powerful witness. Witnessing for Christ cannot be done in the energy of human flesh and so Jesus said to them, "You are going to receive power." I know they were enheartened to hear that. Maybe we wouldn't expect to hear a thing like that in our day because we would say, "Lord, we don't need it. Look what we have. Power? We have the largest budget that we have ever known. Power? Why we have more Sunday School teachers and Training Union workers in our organizations than we have ever known. Power? Why look at the skill and understanding of our leaders in planning and arranging things in our churches. Look at the wonderful church staffs that we have." But Jesus said to His disciples, "You will need power and you shall receive it."

I want you to notice the word "receive." To receive means that somebody gives me something and I voluntarily accept it. I don't have to take it. It's a gift.

It's for my good. It comes from a heart of love. It's intended that I shall use the gift but I don't have to receive it. "You shall receive," Jesus said. Did they take it? Yes, they took that power and it was a personalized power. In it Jesus was saying a thing that I believe we need to emphasize once again in our thinking. Witness in Christian living is a cooperative endeavor between God on the one hand, and man on the other.

There are those who say, "God puts it all in man's hands. We must go out to do it." These work night and day building organizations and scheming plans to do everything they can to win the world to Christ while it is yet day for the night cometh when no man can work. Now that's a wonderful attitude. But too often these go only in the energy of human flesh. They go only in the energy of Christian education. There they go only in the energy of what they know about the Bible. They go only in the energy of an organized Sunday School and Training Union and all the rest of the things we have in modern church life.

Jesus said, "You do the going and I will give the power." His is a cooperative plan. I say this reverently: "God cannot win this world alone." He has limited Himself to the use of human personalities just like you to win this world. Even God, (may I say it reverently,) can't win this world by Himself. If that is true, how much more so is it true that human nature can't win it by itself, ever redeemed human nature. It is God and man caught up together in a great enterprise of winning people for the Kingdom of God and to faith in Jesus Christ.

What is that power? Jesus said, "You will receive power when the Holy Ghost, the Holy Spirit is come upon you." The Holy Spirit is power available in your heart and in my heart. God will not force that power upon us. We are to receive it. As we go to Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and to the uttermost part of the earth, sincerely desiring to win others to Christ, then we will get the power, but not until then. God grants His power for His tasks. And His task is that of our carrying the gospel according to His plan. When we are obedient to His task and plan,

we have the promise of power.

Dr. Luccock tells the story in his Acts of the Apostles about a preacher who sent out his Bible to be rebound. It was a New Testament and when it returned there was a notice saying that on the edge of the book there was not enough space to put the words, "The New Testament." And so they put the initials "T. N. T." That's dynamite. I wonder if that's not about the way it really is. The New Testament experience of Jesus Christ in the heart of an individual is "T. N. T." to a world that is waiting to be upset for Christ. That's the power for you if you will receive it. Open your heart and let Him come in.

Dr. Clovis Chappell, the great retired preacher of the Methodist church, and for many years pastor of the aGloway Memorial Church in Jackson, Mississippi, used to tell a story that always appealed to me. He said that when he was young in the ministry he was making a trip on a mission tour upon which his church was sending him. While he was aboard ship, he heard of a world famous missionary with whom he arranged to have a conference. They were together in a state-room when someone knocked on the door to come in. It was the representative of a big oil firm who wanted to talk to this missionary to try to persuade him to work for the oil company. Evidently they had already had several conversations about the price and finally the oil man said, "I have offered you \$10,000 a year, I have offered you \$15,000 and now I have to offer \$25,000 a year. You won't take my job. I want to know what it will take to get you?" Dr. Chappell said that he would never get away from the answer that the missionary gave. He said to him, "Sir, it's not your salary. It's your job. Your salary is plenty big to get me, but your job is not big enough." That is your job and mind... to witness for Christ where He leads us. God help us to be the witness Christ wants.

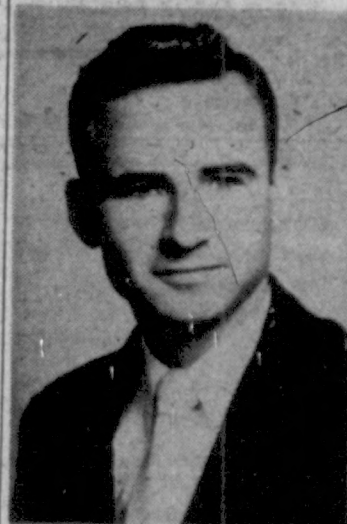
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Rev. John I. Hill, pastor of Terry Baptist Church, will bring the message at the homecoming of the Pearlhaven Baptist Church, Brookhaven, November 22. Dr. Chester Quarles, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist convention board will bring the evening message at 7:30. Rev. C. C. Jones of Mendenhall, who was pastor in 1909, Rev. Edwin Burns and other former pastors and ministers licensed from the church will be on the afternoon program. All former members and friends are invited to share the day and the noon meal which is to be served at the church. Rev. Paul Z. Ball is the pastor.

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Rev. and Mrs. William H. Ferrell, Southern Baptist missionary appointees to Argentina who have been in the States for several weeks after completing their studies in language school in Costa Rica, have left for their field of service. They may be addressed temporarily at Bolanos 262, Buenos Aires, Argentina. Mr. Ferrell is a native of Greenville, Miss., and Mrs. Ferrell, the former Opal Young, is a native of Port Gibson.

ETHRIDGE ORDAINED



W. M. ETHRIDGE

William Murray Ethridge was ordained to the ministry by the Pine Grove Church of Collinsville on November 8.

The charge was given by Rev. C. E. Dearman and Rev. R. E. Moore, presented the Bible.

The ordination sermon was delivered by the pastor of the church, Rev. Edward McKeithen.

Mr. Ethridge is now a student at Mississippi College and serves as pastor of the Union Church, Kemper County.

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CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES

BY REV. LEON V. YOUNG
CLINTON

CALLED AND ACCEPTED:

Walter Kent, Jr., Bon Air, Alabama from Missionary, Cary Asso. James Overton, First, Parsons, Tenn. from Central, Bentonville, Ark.

Edwin S. Ivy, Second, Little Rock, Ark., from Fourth Avenue, Louisville, Ky.

Baron Gibson, First, Jasper, Ala. from First, Valdosta, Ga.

R. Don Gambrell, First, Manning, S. C. from Erlinger, Ky.

G. P. Lanier, Mt. Tabor, near Orangeburg, S. C., from Carolina Beach, N. C.

J. H. Simpson, Ridge Spring, S. C. from Grace Church, Sumter, S. C.

J. Dan Williams, Northgate Greenville, S. C. from Southern Seminary

W. A. Brooks, Central, Crockett, Texas from Second, Victoria, Tex.

Brooks Ramsey, First, Maryville, Tenn. from First, Galena Park, Tex.

Guy M. Deane, Jr., Buck Creek, Livia, Ky., from New Orleans.

Jesse S. Bell, First, Dawson Springs, Ky. from Southern Seminary.

W. T. Dunnaway, Northside, Winchester, Ky. from Williams Memorial, Ravenna, Ky.

Rev. and Mrs. Cecil F. Robertson, Southern Baptist missionaries to Nigeria who have been in the States on furlough, have left for their field of service. They may be most of their work on Tuesdays addressed temporarily at Baptist Headquarters, Ibadan, Nigeria, West Africa. Both are natives of Meridian.

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The "Baptist Record" appreciates a nice list of new and renewal subscriptions from Ocean Springs Church. Rev. W. R. Storie is the pastor.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. Ralph Davis, Southern Baptist missionaries to Nigeria, announce the birth of Nan Lucia on October 26 in New Orleans, La. They are in the States on furlough and may be addressed at 4035 Dement Street, Apt. 103, New Orleans. Mr. Davis is a native of Pachuta, and Mrs. Davis, the former Cora Merritt, is a native of Hattiesburg.

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"Studies in Psalms," is the book for the January Bible Study Week. This book is now available at the Baptist Book Store in Jackson, and it will be well to get in your order early.

There has been an increasing demand for the January Bible study book since this program was inaugurated several years ago. It has become one of the most popular and helpful weeks we have in Bible study.

Let's plan early in order that this week next January may be even greater than those of other years. Start advertising it early.

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NO CHANGE IN TIME

Occasionally we receive applications for study course awards when less than the required time has

been put in in the study.

Please remember, there has been no change whatever in the amount of time required for the completion of any of these Sunday school study course books. It is still the equivalent of ten forty-five minute period.

There is no particular requirement as to the number of days used for doing this, just so the full time is put in. However, four nights of only two forty-five periods each night will not meet it. If the work is done in four nights, there must be one hour and forty-five minutes each night, in the actual class work. This does not mean that part of this can be used for a general session. That will have to be extra.

Let's keep this in mind in these studies, and play fair on this point.

Southern Baptists Reach Capital Needs Goal

Nashville, Tenn. (BP)—November 3 was a happy time for Southern Baptists. On that day the Cooperative Program Capital Needs goal of \$3,000,000 was reached—four days earlier this year than last. The total Cooperative Program goal for 1953 is \$8,000,000 plus the \$192,000 operating budget for the Southern Baptist Convention, or \$500,000 more than last year.

All money above the \$3,192,000 mark constitutes the Advance Program or third phase of the budget. The first \$160,000 of this third phase goes to the Carver School of Missions and Social Work, Louisville, Ky. Because of large checks from several states this \$160,000 was realized on November 5, just two days after the reaching of the Capital Needs goal. The remainder of the Advance Program will be divided 75 per cent to the Foreign Mission Board and 25 per cent to the Home Mission Board. Report of this achievement was made by the office of Dr. Porter Routh, executive secretary-treasurer of the Executive Committee.

Total receipts for both Cooperative Program and designations through October, 1953, were \$13,574,708. This is a 11.77 per cent gain when compared to the \$12,145,459 received during the same period in 1952.

Total Cooperative Program receipts during the month of October were \$774,049, bringing the year's total to \$8,102,356. This is an increase of 8.42 per cent as compared with last year's receipts of \$7,473,166.

Designated receipts during October were \$107,129. This brings the year's total to \$5,472,352, a gain of 17.12 per cent over last year's total of \$4,672,292.

Shiloh Church Has Good Six-Month Record

Since going to full time service in July, Shiloh Church in Marion County has baptized twelve new by letter. Sunday School enrollment has increased from 82 to 100 and Training Union from 80 to 95. A lovely house and 35 acres of land has been purchased as a pastor's home.

Monday, night, October 26 when Rev. M. Buckley, the pastor, and his family returned home from the Stewardship Study Course, they found the house well lighted and over half the resident members of the Church waiting for them. They were ushered into the dining room where they found a table loaded with groceries and canned goods of every kind, linens, and china ware. This was a love gift in appreciation for the leadership of the entire Buckley family.

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Hear The Baptist Hour

Rev. Charles Wellborn will be the speaker on the Baptist Hour broadcast Sunday afternoon, November 22. The program will be broadcast over 350 stations, including stations in 8 foreign countries. Stations in Mississippi carrying the broadcast include:

WDOB, Canton, 5:00 P.M.; WGLC, Centerville, — WCLD, Cleveland, 5:00 P.M.; WACR, Columbus, 2:30 P.M.; WJPR, Greenville, 6:00 P.M.; WFOR, Hattiesburg 10:15 P.M.; WLSM, Louisville, 8:30 A.M.; WMBC, Macon, 2:30 P.M.; WAPB, McComb, 9:00 A.M.; WCOC, Meridian, 4:00 P.M.; WNAT, Natchez, 7:15 A.M.; WPMP, Pascagoula, 4:30 P.M.; WRJW, Picayune, 1:00 P.M.



Although not on the main highway, Yellow Leaf Church is easy to locate, as indicated by the sign which is pictured above. This sign is on the highway.

Music Festival Meets In Jackson November 27

The annual State Music Festival will be held Nov. 27 at Jackson's First Baptist Church, it has been announced by W. C. Morgan, State Music Secretary.

1600 musicians from the churches over the state are expected to attend the event, which will be featured by a giant mass sacred choir at the closing evening session.

The day's activities will begin at 9:30 a. m.

The morning and afternoon session will be devoted largely to judging of choral and instrumental groups.

A new feature this year will be a mass children's choir concert during the afternoon.

More than 3000 people are qualified to enter the Festival, 238 of them being hymn players.

Presiding officers will be W. J. Nelson, assisted by Herbert Batson.

Rev. S. W. Valentine and Prof. Walter B. Duda will preside over the instrumental judging.

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A STRANGE FAMILY

The father has not missed church in 23 years. A son has not missed in 12 years. The mother has a perfect record of 11 years. A daughter has been present at the evening service every Sunday for eight years.

I wonder what's the matter with this family? Don't they ever have company on Sunday? Aren't they ever tired or have headaches or colds or nervous spells on Sunday mornings? Don't they ever have Sunday morning callers or family reunions or picnics or anything? Don't they have a radio so they can get good sermons from outside preachers? What's the matter with this family? You answer.

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New Orleans Seminary Sets Enrolment Records

NEW ORLEANS, La. — Every time another student enters the New Orleans Baptist Seminary during the current session, a new enrolment figure will be set for the seminary.

With the school year less than half completed, 734 students have enrolled, three above the previous high mark of 731 during the 1951-52 session.

The 1953-54 student body comes from 29 states and four foreign countries—Japan, China, Chile, and Russia.

Mississippi tops the states in enrolment with 166 students. Second is Louisiana, 143; followed by Alabama with 120.

Other states with 20 or more students: Georgia, 51; Florida, 47; South Carolina, 37; Tennessee, 28; Texas, 28; North Carolina, 23; and Arkansas, 20.

Mississippi students entering the second term: Mrs. Martha Bernice Goff (Wade), Mrs. Dewie E. Williams (Hopewell), Benton Brown McGee (Abbeville), Thomas D. McNair (Hattiesburg), David J. Irby (Crosby), Mrs. Jim Shanahan (Jackson), Jimmie J. Hartfield, (Clinton), and Inez Cantwell (Tylertown).

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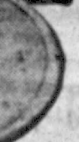
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Rev. Carmon Savell has resigned the Merigold Church in order to accept the pastorate of the Iuka Church. Mr. Savell served the Merigold pastorate for four years, and has been active in the associational work and the state work, having served as State Board member. He will assume his new duties on December 1.

Rev. Fred Farley, Superintendent of Missions of the Hinds county Association, seems to have had a busy year. During the past year he has made 370 sermons and addresses, had 40 professions of faith; 103 additions by baptism; 192 additions by letter; travelled 11,722 miles; started the Ridgecrest Baptist Chapel; inaugurated a weekly radio program and a weekly television program; started the Children's Nook; organized a Christain Service Band; promoted five tent revivals and one bush arbor revival. Two churches have been constituted which were missions before that time; partially surveyed five new areas; taught a class in evangelism at the Mississippi Baptist Seminary and launched a program of Community Missions through the Associational W.M.U. It is not known what he did in his other spare time.

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Among recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Linda Sue Russell, Jackson; Dr. Wilbern Lawrence, Meridian; Mrs. L. R. Walton, Walnut Grove; Mrs. Lucille Russell and Billy, Jackson; Rev. R. G. Wooton, Clinton; Henry J. Bennett, Byram; M. F. Rayburn, Meridian.

A Mississippi pastor, 44 years of age with 12 years experience in the ministry, is available for a pastorate. All of his pastoral experience has been in Mississippi. Anyone interested may write the editor of the Baptist Record for the name and address of the person.

The First Baptist Church, Cleveland held their revival Nov. 1-8 with the pastor Rev. W. H. Clarke doing the preaching and Verne Taylor as the Song Leader. There were 19 additions to the church with four for Baptism.

The Niland Chapel has called Rev. Charles Smith as pastor. In addition to his duties as pastor, he will resume his school work at Delta State next semester, where he will be a senior.

The Fall revival at Sumrall will be held Nov. 22-29 starting Sunday, Nov. 22 through Sunday, 29. Rev. R. L. Green of Sulphur, La., will be the evangelist and Herbert Valentine, minister of Music, First Church, Waynesboro, will be the song director.

The 80th annual volume of Polubit's Select Notes on the Sunday School lessons for 1954 published by the W. A. Wilde Company, 131 Clarendon street, Boston, Mass. The price is \$2.75. It contains a wealth of practical help for pastors, teachers and Bible students on the Sunday School lessons. It is compiled and tabulated so that it can be easily and effectively used. All those who have used it will want it again, and anyone who has not used it has missed a good thing. Orders should be sent to the publisher or to the Baptist Book Store.

The new officers of the Jones Association are: S. H. McDonnell, moderator; Rev. J. H. Street, clerk; Lonnie Meador, treasurer. The next session will be held with Second Avenue Church, Laurel.

The Utica Church adopted \$3000 goal for the fifth Sunday building fund special offering to be taken November 29. When this goal is reached it will be the sixth consecutive fifth Sunday building fund goal set and reached with a total in hand of \$24,000 plus.

The Choctaw Association is the first to send to the Baptist Record a copy of the 1953 associational minutes. Evidently the clerk, John F. Keen, is very much on the job.

A page ad in LOOK stated that bootlegging is again a national problem. Excuse us for laughing, but please recall that when the Wets were turning heaven and earth to get the Prohibition Amendment repealed their plea was that prohibition was causing bootlegging and that if the Prohibition Amendment were repealed it would cure the problem. Now they themselves are crying about the bootlegging problem.

Rev. W. H. Haynes, pastor of Scobey Church, taught the book "Found Faithful" during the Stewardship Week. There were 18 enrolled and 10 to complete the book.

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Rev. C. J. Purvis has recently resigned the Mt. Comfort Church and accepted the Lantrip Church. During his three years' pastorate at Mt. Comfort, Sunday school rooms were completed and dedicated debt free, a butane heating system installed, nine additions by baptism and one deacon ordained. Upon his resignation the Mt. Comfort Church adopted resolutions expressing regret at the resignation.

Miss Sarah Carolyn Hubbard of Utica Church has dedicated her life to full-time Christian service. She is a freshman at Mississippi College and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace. Rev. R. Y. Gerrard is the pastor.

Rolling Creek Church, in Clarke County will hold a Youth Revival November 25-29. Rev. Lee Hudson will be the evangelist. Rev. Chas. Barnes is the pastor.

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Calvary Church of Cleveland is in the process of building a new auditorium at a cost of approximately \$35,000. The church has more than 200 members, although it is not yet four years old. A full program with all organizations is being maintained. The present building will be converted for educational purposes when the new auditorium is completed. Rev. J. A. Fendren is the pastor.

The Baptist Record appreciates a nice list of seven subscriptions from Cedar Grove Church in Green County. The list was sent by the treasurer, L. E. Smith.

QUICK MAIL SERVICE: A special deliver package to the Baptist Record was mailed in Pascagoula on Monday, November 9, and was delivered to the Baptist Record not by special delivery, but in our post office box on November 11. It was not addressed to the P. O. Box.

Baptist Student Union

CHAS. W. HORNER, Secretary
FAY LEE, Office Secretary
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Pictured at the top is the Clarke College Choir and, bottom, the Woman's College Choir which will be among the Combined Choir of Miss. Baptists' four colleges singing during Youth Night of the Mississippi Baptist Convention in City Auditorium, Jackson, tonight.



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OBSERVANCE OF WEEK OF PRAYER IN OTHER COUNTRIES

Our WMS in Hsin Chu, Taiwan has 25 members, and we observed our first Week of Prayer in 1952. We met each evening for an hour and a half. We first used the material designated for each night, and then had thirty minutes of prayer, with the group kneeling and remembering each item in turn. The average attendance was about twenty-five per night, and the offering came to U. S. \$21.25. (488.60 N.T.)—Mrs. C. L. Culpepper.

Our Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions in Macao Baptist Church was held at the time planned. Thanks be to God for the wonderful blessings and the good opportunities. Every morning we had prayer meeting. The chairman of BYPMO, the chairman of WMS and the officers of our church took charge in turn to lead the meeting. On Friday, we held the prayer meeting from 1:30 P. M. to 3:30 P. M. There was an average of about twenty persons attending the prayer meeting every morning. But on Friday afternoon, the number attending increased to forty. The total amount of the six offerings which we collected is about U. S. \$4.40. It was passed by all of us that this sum of money should be given for the use of carrying out the work of Baptist Press Hong Kong.—Miss Wong Pui Man.

FROM HONG KONG

In Hong Kong there was rather general observance of the Week of Prayer, especially the Day of Prayer Around the World.

Special observances were held in the Hong Kong Baptist Seminary at their chapel hour. In Pooi To Girls' School, the program was well worked out with those participating in various national costumes with globe and Christian flag in the center of the platform. Also in the several Baptist Young People Missionary Organization groups in Pooi To, the Day of Prayer program was used in their regular meeting time.

Among the larger churches with Senior BYPMO the Day of Prayer program was also used as their weekly program.

From our Baptist Press office we sent colorful posters out to a number of the churches calling their attention to the Week of Prayer and its importance.

In the Stirling Road Baptist Church, a prayer meeting using WMU Week of Prayer program was held each morning from 7:30 to 8:30 A. M. with attendance beyond expectation. At the end of the week, their offering was H. K. \$300.

The Hong Kong City-wide WMU Association had its Day of Prayer program all together on December 5. Each city church had held other prayer meetings during the week in their own groups. The general meeting was held at the Hillwood Road Baptist Church. The continents were represented by six women bearing aloft the Christian flag, and also a paper with large characters indicating which continent they represented. They, as their continent was called, grouped around the globe and clasped in turn a golden paper chain, indicating the Christian world bound together by prayer. In turn the needs of the various lands were presented, and prayer offered.—Mary C. Alexander.

LETTER FROM SOUTHWIDE PRESIDENT

Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Friends,

Baptist women on six continents will join hearts and voices on the last day of our Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, making the greatest fellowship of prayer Baptists have ever known. We are grateful for the tie that binds us together. Christian fellowship knows no boundaries of nation or language. Our lands, our customs, our languages are different, but there is a fellowship of which we are a vital part, and there is a language we can understand. The fellowship is that of followers of Jesus Christ, and the language is that of Christian love—"Bless be the tie that binds."

Every missionary society as it observes the Season of Prayer for Foreign Missions should have, before it a globe, or a map of the world, no matter how small and inexpensive it may be. Through it, we may become world-conscious, humanity-conscious, God-conscious. With that globe before us, we will pray more earnestly, more widely and more wisely; we will give more universally and sacri-

ficially. Even menial service is glorified when there is a map of the world in the heart. The world is waiting for our gifts, but even more it trembles for our prayers.

New experiences await us as we pause in His presence. Privileges are ours which will be transforming. We have all prayed for each other many times. Think of the new power that comes in praying with each other. Truly, there are fibers that bind humanity together. Each person is a vital unit, a contact, a transmission of good or of evil. During this day, we can each find our place of world contact. As we pray with each other, as we give to send our Saviour to those who know Him not, we become a vital contact, a powerful transmission that ultimately affects the whole world.

Members of Woman's Missionary Union, is it too much to ask that you kneel together in prayer with the other Baptist women of the world this day?

Lovingly,
Mrs. George R. Martin,
President, Woman's
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28 New Pastors Introduced At State Convention

W. H. Rush, Bethlehem Church, Jones Association.

R. T. B. Leavell, First Church Newton.

C. E. Tosh, Bethsaida Church, Neshoba Association.

T. D. Sumrall, East McComb Church, Judson Association.

Price Brock, Pickens.

John G. McDonald, Goodman.

Ray Walters, Mt. Vernon Church, Former Address Grayson, La., Grayson Church, Caldwell Association.

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Paul Kirke, First Church, Gautier.

Dr. Earl Kelly, First Church, Holly Springs.

Joe Stovall, Rosedale.

H. Eugene Crawford, Baldwin. L. N. Howard, Hopewell Church, Scott Association.

Warren B. Wall, Glendale Church Lebanon Association.

Rev. S. C. Patterson, Thorn Hill Church, Rankin Association.

Lincoln D. Newman, Area Missionary, S. E. Mississippi.

E. Wayne Coleman, First Church Natchez.

Doyle Combs, Zion Hill, Church, Picayune.

R. J. Shoemaker, South Louisville Church.

Dane E. Henderson, Center Ridge Church, Clark County.

L. Myron Johnson, Corinth Church, Pearl River Association.

Lynda B. Cooper, Ridgeland Church, Madison Association.

W. E. Hellen, West Laurel Church.

Harris Counce, South Corinth Church.

C. H. Peaden, Calvary Church, Yazoo City.

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WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS)The ground was broken here for the new \$2,000,000 First Baptist Church building. It will be the largest Protestant parish church in the nation's capital, according to Dr. Edward Hughes Pruden, pastor. The structure will be completed in May, 1955. Until then the congregation, of which former President Harry S. Truman was a member, will meet for worship at the Washington Jewish Community Center two blocks away.

BROTHERHOOD DEPARTMENT

W. R. ROBERTS, Secretary JO ANN SUMMERS, Office Secretary

BROTHERHOOD ACTIVITIES

The Brotherhood of the First Baptist Church in Tutwiler honored their wives with a Thanksgiving banquet and presented one of their programs for them. On November 1; the Brotherhood president, Tom Jennings, presented the charter to the Royal Ambassadors as they sat together in a body during the morning worship service. The Brotherhood financed the Royal Ambassador Father-Son Banquet and following the banquet the president and six other men assisted with the initiation of six new Royal Ambassadors. Reported by the pastor Rev. Earl C. Edwards.

Liberty Brotherhood in Mississippi Association has an enrollment of 13 and held 2 meetings this month. They were in charge of the worship service on Layman's Day with a member bringing the message and 16 men in the choir. Plans were made for all members to attend the rally in November. Reported by John D. Tynes, president.

Concord Brotherhood in Choc-

taw Association has an enrollment of 17 and held 2 meetings. They put heaters in the Educational Building and paid hospital bill for one of the members. Reported by Billy McDowell.

Centerville Brotherhood in Mississippi Association has an enrollment of 18 and held one meeting. They are promoting prayer meeting for six months in the church. The Brotherhood is responsible for the services on Wednesday evening, but not only responsible, but actually conduct the services. E. Howell, pastor, reporting.

Kilmichael Brotherhood in Montgomery Association has an enrollment of 13 and held 3 meetings. They gave Bibles to people who did not have them and voted to make this a permanent service. They sponsored Layman's Day, supplying teachers for the Sunday school classes from Juniors up and a speaker for the morning service. Laymen presided in both services. They voted to provide piano lessons for a mission volunteer in the church. Reported by Rev. Landrum Salley, pastor.

Found: Courage

BY PHYLLIS WOODRUFF SAPP

Pauline was willing enough to visit absentees from the Sunday School or Training Union, but she simply could not visit new people whom she had never met. She was sure the lord didn't expect her to talk to strangers for when she tried her tongue felt as dry as a towel flapping in the wind and she usually forgot what she meant to say.

Yet, here she stood on a strange doorstep with a census card trembling in her hand. The pastor had insisted that every active member of the church call on at least one census prospect before Sunday. Now it was Saturday evening and she had not been able to forget that card in her purse. Her heart pounding, she pressed the doorbell, then refreshed her memory with the facts on the census card.

Inside the house, Pauline soon found herself chatting with Richard and Kathy Greene as if she had always known them. She felt warm and good on the inside. The Greens were lonely and she was glad she had come—she was sure of that—she was sure they were glad when she invited them to Sunday School though they were a little vague about the church they had attended in another city. Pauline said goodnight with a happy heart as she hurried down the walk, eager to tell her husband about her visit.

The Greens went to church with Pauline and her husband the next morning and back again that night. At the close of the evening service when the preacher offered the invitation, Richard and Kathy slipped out of the pew and made their way down the aisle hand in hand. Pauline's heart was pounding with joy—she had helped put some Baptist back into service—then suddenly her heart went racing away even faster as she heard the pastor's words.

"This fine young couple comes tonight confessing Christ as Saviour. They tell me that one of our

members helped them to see Jesus through her friendly attitude. These young people had attended church but had never made any profession of their faith before."

Slowly Pauline pulled a wrinkled census card from her purse and studied it through hot, stinging tears—she had led two people to know Jesus—but she would never have found the courage unless someone had made a mistake—the word "Baptist" was plainly printed on the card.

"Thank you, Lord," she whispered. "Help me hold on to the courage I have found."

Editor's Note: Mrs. Sapp is a Baptist writer living in Oklahoma City, Okla.

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Sunday School Lesson

By Dr. L. Bracey Campbell.
For November 22

I. JEHOVAH'S CARE FOR THE WORLD—The Scriptures assigned for this lesson include selections from Lev. 19:9-10; Deut. 10:18-19; Ruth 2:1-18. These Scriptures were selected with the purpose to set forth in prominent position the doctrine of the worldwide love of God. Contrary to the later Jewish impression that God's chosen people, the Israelites, were the special objects of the love of God to the exclusion of all the other tribes of earth. These passages from the Word of God establish the fact that His mercy and grace extend to all the children of men everywhere. The children of Israel were, indeed, a chosen people of the Lord; but what these people understood by the term (Jehovah's chosen people) was not what He wanted them to understand by it. His chosen people interpreted the term to mean that they had been chosen by the Lord to enjoy special privileges, and immunities: The Almighty on the other hand had chosen this people to the most tremendous task under the greatest responsibility which any man or nation ever faced.

Of course they were to enjoy the special favor of God in that He would confer upon them the ability to grow strong in courage, in faith, in fortitude, in loyalty to a great Master and to that Master's great work. This work was that of becoming schoolmasters to the world, all the races of the world, every tongue and tribe of all the world. Prerequisite to this work was, of course, a heart in tune with the heart of the Eternal. The people who would do this great work for God must love with the eternal love of God the people to whom they were sent to teach and train for the service of their God.

The Jews lost this vision and despised all the other tribes of the earth, the while they exalted themselves in their own estimation, scorned any suggestion of an equality in the sight of God between their own people and any other, and consigned to the wrath of God all other peoples except themselves. We need to insist again, insist unto our own hearts and insist unto the hearts of everybody that the Lord God Almighty loves all people, wills the destruction of none, but that all should come to Him through the narrow gateway of repentance from sin and a living faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Lord Jesus came to reemphasize this worldwide love of His Father; He came to show first to His own people, Israel, and secondly to all the non-Jewish peoples of the world what the Lord God Almighty was like in his attitude to man.

II. THE MINISTRY OF OUR LORD AMONG NON-JEWISH PEOPLE.

In the passages from Matthew and Mark assigned for our study today we have acts of mercy performed by Him beyond the limits

of the territory of his Jewish kinsman. We learn from the context of these passages that our Lord had withdrawn into the country of Tyre and Sidon and while in the time there had performed one among the greatest of his miracles of mercy. A Syro-phonician woman had come to Him on behalf of her demonized daughter. The story of that bestial of blessing stands among the most beautiful of those recorded of Him in all the Gospels. The mother intreated Him, "Have mercy upon us". We read of nothing that was paining her in body. The Lord might have said to her, "Why, you are not sick. Why then, say have mercy upon us?" And she might aptly have answered, "But in this sorrow my daughter and I are one. Anything that is a matter of discomfort to her is a matter of grief to me. I beseech you heal my daughter that I may have peace of mind again."

From the region of Tyre and Sidon He traveled in a southeasterly direction to the region of Decapolis. Decapolis was a region occupied largely by Greek colonists set there by Alexander the Great in pursuance of his scheme to make the whole world Greek. These colonists brought with them from the Mother country their Greek civilization, their arts and religion. This religion was, of course, pagan and therefore God-dishonoring. But this religiously and morally low estate of the people of Decapolis instead of cooling the love of Jesus for them served, we may be very sure, in exciting his warmer compassion and appealing even more powerfully than had done theretofore, to his desire to help them. We are told that he looked upon these thronging multitudes of people and that His looking upon them begot in his great heart a warm compassion for them.

Himself was a shepherd, our Lord Christ, and he knew the tender affection between the shepherd and his sheep. It is said that there appeared to Him, these suffering, sorrowing, sinning multitudes as sheep that were scattered and had wandered afar because they had no shepherd. He saw that they were hungry for the bread of life, thirsty for the thirst-quenching draft of the Spirit of the living God. Their hearts were hungry for the truth so that they stayed with Him for three days, and, as a result of this long sojourn away from home and away from food they were very hungry.

III. HOW JESUS SATISFIED THE HUNGER OF THE MULTITUDES
We may be very sure that His first care was to feed their souls on the bread of life and to press to the lips of their spirit the cup of blessing from which they might drink of the Spirit of the Living God. This was always the order of His procedure. Always in relieving the want of the poor He preached to them the Gospel of the Kingdom and patiently taught them out of the Word of Life. When He had done this, and not before He had done this, He set himself to the work of administering to the peoples bodily needs. The sick He healed, unto the blind

Many Mississippi Baptist Churches Constituted Before The Civil War

Approximately 300 Mississippi Baptist churches were in existence before the beginning of the Civil War in 1861. After many months, of research, Rev. J. L. Boyd, custodian of the Mississippi Baptist Historical Society, has compiled a list of churches organized before the Civil War.

Space prevents printing the entire list, but we give below the name of the oldest church in each county, according to the Historical Society record:

Alcorn County, Union, 1845; Attala, Salis, 1840; Benton, Canaan, 1840; Calhoun, Bethany, 1836; Carroll, Coila, 1824; Chickasaw, oHuston and Pleasant Grove, 1842; Choctaw, Bethlehem, 1835, Clarke, Elim and Hepzebeth, 1838; Clay, West Point, 1848; Copiah, Antioch, Bethel and Damascus, 1824; Covington Williamsburg, 1826; De Soto, Hernando, 1840;

Franklin, Hopewell, 1813; Grenada, Providence, 1830; Hinds, Beulah Memorial, 1818; Holmes, Lexington, 1846; Itawamba, Fairview, 1846; Jasper, Fellowship, 1837; Jefferson Davis, Bethany,

He gave their sight, and unto the paralytics he gave again the strength that enabled them to leap like harts in a sport in the meadow.

IV. THE MASTER'S DINNER SERVICE

There were 4,000 guests at this luncheon and all the food itself consisted of seven biscuits or buns, or loaves and a few little fishes, but the faith of the Lord in His Father's willingness to multiply these resources under the hand of the Father's only Son was absolute. So He proceeded to have his guests so arrange themselves as to be most easily served. Our Lord is ever a Lord of order, ever in search of means by which to practice the principles of the economy of effort in whatever He undertakes, especially if this practice may become and be an object lesson to His followers.

Again it is the purpose of our Lord to serve the hungering multitudes of people everywhere, but he proposes to do this as largely as he may, through the minister of his chosen servants and so in this instance He makes use of the band of his followers in bringing relief to the wants of the people.

The same is his method now. When a great work is to be performed for Him, the Gospel to be carried to a foreign land, the needy to be cared for here in the homeland, the lost of the homeland to be evangelized, a great institution to be housed for care of the sick, for the nurture of orphan children, for the education and training of Christian leaders, He commands His followers, his disciples, his people who are called by his name to bring to him of their possessions an amount sufficient to discharge the task of sending the Gospel, of caring for the helpless, of healing the sick, of training the heads and hands and hearts of men and women to lead in his work.

1819; Jones, Fellowship, 1848; Kemper, DeKalb, 1836; Lafayette, Bay Springs, Clear Creek and London Hill, 1836; Lauderdale, Hickory Grove, 1830; Lawrence, Silver Creek, 1818; Leake, Carthage and Edinburg, 1943.

Lebanon, Providence, 1818; Lee, Richmond, 1845; LeFlore, Greenwood, 1891; Lincoln, Friendship, 1809; Lowndes, Columbus, First, 1832; Madison, Canton, First, 1943; Marion, Cedar Grove, 1812; Marshall, Holly Springs, First, 1837; Mississippi, Ebenezer, 1806; Monticue, Aberdeen, First, 1837; Montgomery, Hays Creek, and Winona, First, 1837; Neshoba, New Hope 1839; Newton, Clarke-Venable Memorial (Decatur), 1836; Noxubee, Elim and Macon, First, 1835; Oktibbeha, Double Springs, 1835; Pannola, Pharsalis and Union, 1835; Pearl River, Corinth, 1832; Pike, Carter's Creek, 1812; Pontotoc, Zion 1832, Prentiss, ston, 1813; Rankin, Steen's Creek (Florence), 1824.

Coahoma, Lyon (Old Sunflower) 1846; Scott, Ludlow, 1838; Simpson, Bethlehem, 1812; Smith, Clear Creek, 1839; Tallahatchie, Shady Dale, 1845; Tate, Tyro, 1840; Tippah Ripley, 2838; Tishomingo, Bethlehem and Burnsville, 1836; Union Association, Pleasant Hill, 1844; Union COounty, Liberty, 1838; Walthall, New Zion, 1823; Warren, Vicksburg, First, 1839; Wayne, Wanyesboro, First, 1820; Winston, Louisville, First, 1834; Yalobusha, New Hope, 1945; Yazoo, Ogden, 1940; Zion Fellowship, 1935.

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Birmingham Church Holds Non-Resident Inventory

Birmingham, Ala.—(BP)—The Woodlawn Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala., Frank W. Wood, pastor, recently did a complete inventory on their non-resident member problem. The result were startling. They located 740 names and made a strong effort to contact every one of them.

Letters were addressed to 200 non-resident members, sixty-six of which were returned "wrong address." Names of 400 others were sent to pastors of churches in cities where these "lost sheep of the house of Israel" were thought to reside. Fifteen of these letters were returned. Some pastors acknowledged the letters with appreciation for the information and a promise to endeavor to locate and enlist these lost members.

It was discovered that twenty-five non-resident members had united with other churches already—seventeen Baptist and eight other denominations as far back as twenty years ago and their names were still carried on Woodlawn membership rolls. Fourteen members to whom letters were addressed requested letters of dismission to join churches where they were residing.

Wood said he received not one letter from other churches or pastors regarding their non-resident members living in Birmingham. "An honest effort was made with a degree of success; but, as we be-

50, 40 & 25 Years Ago

BY REV. J. L. BOYD, SR.

50 YEARS AGO—

The Orphanage had 79 children, one of whom, Annie Hawthorn, was enrolled at Blue Mountain College as a student.

The building and property are valued at \$40,000. Rev. J. R. Carter is the superintendent and Miss Ida Flowers is the matron, who has held this position since the institution began in 1897.

The pastor of the Lula Church says they paid up on Nov. 15th. "All on pastor's salary for the year, good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over." His name was Chas. L. Lewis.

Young T. L. Holcomb has been called to the Duttoville Church (South Jackson) to preach to them Sunday afternoons.

40 YEARS AGO—

Mississippi Baptist Convention Number. Forty autos, besides carriages in abundance, conveyed the messengers from the R. R. depot in Columbia to their homes "in thirty minutes." Dr. W. T. Lowrey of Blue Mountain was elected president. Statistics: churches in state, 1479; baptisms, 7223; total membership, 152,480; total for home uses, \$377,345; missions, \$82,902; other objects, \$55,262; grand total, \$515,408.03.

gin our new church year, the non-resident church membership problem is still with us. Of our total membership, 692 are either non-resident or their whereabouts are unknown to us. There are still an estimated 400 non-resident Baptists living in our church territory. All of which means we must continue to try to deal carefully with the problem and work diligently toward a solution of it."

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Russian Baptists Visit Sweden

BY JOEL SORENSON

Youth Secretary of the B. W. A.

Stockholm—(BF)—Last August Sweden was visited for about a week by four Russian Baptist leaders. Relations have been established between Quakers and Russian Baptists on the basis of interest in peace. The Quaker group was the organizer of the visit to Sweden. Opportunity was given to the Swedish Baptists to meet the Russian brethren. Dr. W. O. Lewis, Rev. Kenneth Norquist, and the youth secretary of the Baptist World Alliance were also present.

"In a Sunday morning service in 'Tabernaklet,' Stockholm, the general secretary of the Russian Baptists, Rev. Karev, gave an address on the principles for the Baptist work in Russia. They were: 'Simplicity. The Russian Baptists believe in reflecting the New Testament life. In the New Testament they do not find various organizations. The early church was like one family. Thus they do not have special youth groups or women's groups. They are all together. Brother Karev mentioned that Western Christianity has a tendency to kill itself by over-organization.

"Unity. The Evangelical Baptist Union of Russia consists of various bodies, all basically Baptist in principle and practice. They believe that Christians ought to keep together.

"Peace. During the last years the question of peace has stood out as overshadowing problem of our time. The Russian Baptists are therefore eagerly working for peace among the nations.

"Karev said that there are about 400,000 Baptists in Russia in 2,000 churches. Then there are more than two million people regularly attending services but not baptized. This statement confirms the figures given previously in this paper.

"During a reception, given by the Swedish Baptist Union, the opportunity was given for mutual questions and answers.

"On the question if they had received the official invitation to the Rio Conference, Rev. Karev answered, 'Yes—and to many others too.' The question 'Why did you not send representatives' was answered thus, 'because we do not believe in the separation of youth from the general body of Christians.'

"Then the logical question was, 'Will Russian Baptists be represented in London in 1955?' The answer indicated that if the program was planned in such a way that it would not cause tension between the nations, and in the international situation continued to improve, then there are good chances for representation.

"When we expressed the joy of meeting the brethren, we were assured that the joy was mutual. Our indication that we would like to express our love for the brethren through a personal visit was met in a positive way. Such a visit would be very welcome.

"Our brethren were of the opinion that Communism had a social concern, which also was found in

GROUND BROKEN FOR NEW BIBLE INSTITUTE AT GRACEVILLE, FLA.

Ground has been broken for the new Baptist Bible Institute, which is to be located on a 160 acre tract of pasture and woodland within the city limits of Graceville, Florida given by the citizens of that town.

The campus will cover a 30 acre plot when ultimately completed.

When Baptist Bible Institute locates in Graceville, Florida, September, 1954, the school program will be altered slightly. Special emphases will be given to practical courses for rural preachers. Students will be given opportunities of working in poultry, livestock and agriculture to pay part of their school expenses. Special courses in these fields will be given so that graduates may better understand the rural situation and be of help to their future parishioners. The present teaching and administration policy of Baptist Bible Institute will continue to take those who are definitely called to full-time Christian service regardless of scholastic background. Since more than half of the students have neither completed nor attended high school, additional courses will be added to help them make up high school work. The class schedule will continue to follow the present format which will enable ministers and students to commute taking most of their work on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

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TATE STREET CHURCH HAS GOOD REVIVAL

Tate Street Baptist Church in Corinth has just closed a successful revival with Dr. C. Y. Dossey of the Home Mission Board doing the preaching. Music Director Willie Mobley, led the music.

There were 24 who asked membership by baptism; 16 by letter, and there were two other professions of faith.

Many of the people rededicated themselves to the Lord. Tate Street was one of the ten Alcorn County churches engaged in a Simultaneous Crusade. Rev. M. Glenn Smith, pastor of Tate St. Church, was general director of the Crusade.

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Roundlake Church in Bolivar Association had 11 additions, 10 by baptism in its revival Nov. 1-6 in which Rev. Dan Stroud was the evangelist. Roundlake, which was admitted into the association at its recent meeting, has occupied its new building and now has 40 members. Rev. Charles Everitt, mission pastor, has led in services in a vacant dwelling for three years.

The New Testament. The Western world and the Communist world ought to live peacefully together. Communism is nothing that anybody wants to or can export. It is an idea that by itself wins its way or drops out just like other ideas.

"The closing moments were quite touching, marked as they were by genuine Christian spirit."

Counselor's Corner

BY DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON



Dr. Hudson, Pastor of Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri is author of "The Religion of a Mature Person" and "The Religion of a Sound Mind."

He writes this column each week for the Baptist Record.

MY ROOMMATE

Question: I am a business girl and have recently acquired a new roommate. She told me that she had spent some time in a mental hospital and was still under the care of a doctor.

Lately she has been talking to some imaginary person in the room gets very nervous, and looks funny at times. I am not afraid of her but what I want to know is how to help her. Can you tell me?

Answer: If you are not afraid of your roommate you are very fortunate. That in itself will help. What emotionally sick people need is to be surrounded by secure friends. You have a chance of a lifetime to show some real Christian love. You can help a great deal.

Just be natural and kind. Never criticize nor blame. If she says nothing to you about any other person in the room, just act as if nothing has happened. Whatever you do, do not reprimand her nor try to talk her out of her behavior. Leave that to the doctor.

The one ironclad rule for helping such people is honesty. If they find a person who is dishonest with them, it disturbs them more than you can imagine. They simply do not know what the real world is like. When she says, "Do you hear the voices?" or the like, just answer her calmly, "No, I did not hear a thing." Be honest at all times.

Act normally and naturally if you want to help. Be friendly, kind, and encouraging. If associates will simply treat these people as if they are valuable, good, lovable people — and not blame them or try to analyze them — they will often work out their own problems. If your roommate gets worse, call her doctor.

(Address all letters to Dr. Hudson, Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri.)

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Two Deacons Ordained By Spring Hill Church

Spring Hill Church in Tallatchie county recently ordained Adam Haines and Paul Adams as deacons.

The charge was given by the pastor Rev. H. B. Vinson and the sermon by Rev. Grady Wilkes, pastor of the Paynes Church. Deacons assisting in the ordination were the Paynes and Spring Hill deacons. Following the ordination service the ladies of the church served a fellowship supper.

Spring Hill is said to be the oldest church in Tallatchie county.

NEW PROSPECT CHURCH NOW MAKING PROGRESS

Since adopting a full-time program early in 1953, New Prospect Church, Lafayette Co. has made excellent progress. Rev. Doyle Caples is the pastor.

A modern parsonage has been erected on a site donated by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hogan and Mr. and Mrs. Billingsley. Large financial savings were made due to the large amount of donated labor.

The church now has every organization except a Y.W.A. Since the beginning of Family Night the Sunday School, Training Union and W.M.U. have doubled in enrolment.

Since February there have been 50 additions, 28 by baptism.

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MATTHEWS CHURCH IN ORDINATION SERVICE

Matthews Church in Lafayette county recently ordained three deacons. They are: Calvin Cain, P. D. Buchanan and Ezra Rickard.

Rev. E. A. Young, pastor of Yellow Leaf Church is clerk of the council. The charge to the deacons was made to the deacons by Rev. Doyle Caples of New Prospect Church, and the charge to the church by Rev. Foy Rogers, associational missionary in Pontotoc county. The sermon was preached by Dr. D. I. Farr, and the benediction was given by Rev. W. A. Sullivan, associational missionary of Lafayette Co.

The examining council was composed of deacons and ministers from the following churches: First, Oxford; Yellow Leaf; New Prospect.

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CALIFORNIA SOUTHERN BAPTISTS INCREASE MISSION GIFT GOAL

SANTA BARBARA, Calif.—Over one thousand with probably 600 messengers attended the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California in Santa Barbara recently. Robert D. Hughes, pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Ventura, Calif., was elected president. Dale Hufft preached the convention sermon on "Ramparts of Zion."

A new project included the adoption of California Baptist College and the convention will accept control June 1, of next year.

Next year's meeting will be at Sacramento the first week in November, and in 1955 will meet at Long Beach. The convention voted to set the annual meeting dates two years in advance, following the plan of the Southern Baptist Convention.

A total Cooperative Program budget of \$325,000 was set with an increase of 2 per cent over last year for Convention-wide causes making a total of 27 per cent. The convention also voted to raise the percentage 2 per cent each year for the next five years.

The total operating budget for next year will be \$432,000.

A special resolution was passed to hold no denominational meetings on Sunday and, so far as possible, on Wednesday.

CHRISTMAS CARDS KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS

This year's Christmas greeting cards are the subject of particular interest to their publishers and the nation's church leaders alike. Both groups are cooperating in a movement to encourage the sending of Christmas cards that truly express the religious significance of Christmas.

This nation-wide effort is the outgrowth of a resolution passed several years ago. At that time a formal request was made to the Christmas card publishers for a greater variety of Christian Christmas greeting cards than has ever before been available.

Consequently, during the next few weeks, more than thirty-one million Protestant church members will be urged to select truly reverent Christmas greetings. Announcements concerning this subject will be made in the Sunday services of nearly one hundred thousand ministers.

"In many ways, we are losing the real meaning of Christmas," said a prominent church leader, "it has become so commercialized that we have a wrong interpretation, and the wrong impression is left on the minds of children and young people.

"We need to recover the meaning of Christmas as found in the story of the birth of Christ, as given in the New Testament, and, on the discovery, or rediscovery of the real meaning of Christmas, to make that story simple," he said. Many aspects of the need for, and the return to, a basically reverent observance of Christmas are already in evidence. People in all walks of life are showing a greater interest in religious matter than at any time in the history of the United States.

Christians are being urged to do more in the way of Christmas Pageants. Churches are being asked to show religious films and tableaux. There should be more carol singing, both in the church and community.

On the other hand, church leaders have suggested various community programs to merchants, educators, and city officials. Many department stores will provide window displays with symbolic scenes of the three wise men and other events surrounding the nativity. Other developments are expected to follow.

A spokesman for the National Association of Greeting Card Publishers states that five years ago only one Christmas card in every ten carried a religious message. Since then their popularity has increased so that this year, one card in every five has a reverent motif.

Biblical texts and verses which tell the story of the First Christmas will appear on many 1953 Christmas cards. From all indications, the trend toward a more truly religious observance of Christmas is well under way.

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The Choctaw Association is the first to send to the Baptist Record a copy of the 1953 associational minutes. Evidently the clerk, John F. Keen, is very much on the job.

Death

By DR. W. R. CULLOM

As to death: When I was a child an old man who made "coffins" lived near my paternal grandfather's home, and there seemed to be a peculiar sound to Mr. Ives hammer when he was making a "coffin". When this sound was heard, my grandmother would stop in her routine work and make the solemn comment, "Somebody's dead; Mr. Ives is making a coffin." Whereupon everybody in hearing automatically became possessed of a feeling of unspeakable solemnity that could be brought on in no other way. Such an announcement today produces no such result in the average person. On the contrary, unless there is something tragic in the death that is announced, one feels that each such event is a part of the on-going of our life processes. And even when there is tragedy connected with the death in question, it shocks the hearer after the same manner that the announcement of any other tragedy would do.

What has brought about this change? It seems to me that several things enter into it: For example,

1. People generally are better informed now as to all life processes than they were when I was a boy. Science and general education have done much in helping people to see and understand the essential nature of things. Criticism of various kinds has accomplished much in the way of throwing off superstition and the superfluous in general and has brought people to approximate much more nearly than formerly Matthew Arnold's ideal of "seeing life and seeing it whole".

2. What has just been said as to life processes in general, applies with equal certainty, with equal illumination, with equal steadying effect, and with equal blessing in the field of religion. What awaits us beyond the flesh?

In dealing with this question, I shall mention four things:

1. It will not be the negative heaven that so many of us used to picture to ourselves. Such an existence would bore me to death in less than a week! For the assurance of which I speak here I am profoundly grateful.

2. It will be a purposeful activity. The seer on Patmos describes this life under the picture of the New Jerusalem. In this description the seer places right in the heart of this statement: "And his servants shall serve him (Rev. 22: 1-5). We are not told as to what this service will be, but why should he does when about him and about us one can see a thousand times more than he can do? It is amply sufficient for me that we are to "serve him".

3. It will be a life of perpetual growth and of endless progress. David Smith says in his comments on John 14:2 that many have thought that the word "mansions" means eternal abiding places. Not so, he insists; they were temporary abidings to use until we appropriate what God has for us in one of them, and then we move on to another. So that eternity will be one constant, never-ending ex-

Spanish Seminary Reopened



The Spanish Baptist Seminary was reopened on October 5. Due to lack of missionary personnel it had been closed for two years. Twelve young men are studying for the ministry.

Shown above is Rev. Charles Whitten, acting president and a Mississippian, making the opening address. Fourth from the left is another former Mississippi pastor, Rev. Joe W. Mefford, Jr., Mr. Mefford was formerly pastor at Osyka.

Mrs. Whitten, nee Nella Dean Mitchell, was formerly a field worker for the Training Union department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Northern Baptist Launch Church Building Campaign

NEW YORK (RNS)—A campaign for \$8,350,000 to establish new churches was launched in congregations of the American Baptist Conventions over the country.

Sen. Frank Carlson (R-Kan.) is general chairman of the campaign, part of a "Churches for New Frontiers" program sponsored by the denomination.

Dr. Theron M. Chastain, chairman of the program's administrative committee, said the convention hopes to establish about 300 new churches for some 700,000 unchurched people of American Baptist families.

About three-fourths of the money raised will go into a revolving loan fund to help churches get established in new and growing areas, Dr. Chastain said.

"The original 300 churches will therefore be multiplied many times as the funds are repaid and used again and again to help other new churches get started," he said.

Dr. Chastain said the establishment of new churches has not kept pace with the rapid growth of

ploration party. What a glorious concept is this!

4. It will be a life of ever-increasingly happy fellowship. As I grow older, the experience of congenial, purposeful, happy fellowship comes to mean more and more to me. This fellowship will center in and around the things that are richest and most worth while. In his description of the New Jerusalem; the tabernacle of God is with men. God himself is there, and all are in happy fellowship with assurance that we are now the Sons of God, that it does not yet appear what we shall be, but that we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is (1 John 3:13). How can one fail to look forward to the future with a joy that is truly unspeakable and full of glory?

"What more then can he say, than to you he has said.

TO you who for refuge - To Jesus have fled?"

the country's population which showed a net increase of 2,500,000 every year.

He also pointed out that during the past decade one-fifth of the population has moved each year, "creating new 'frontier' communities almost overnight."

"In almost none of these new 'frontier' communities were any advance preparations made for a church," Dr. Chastain said. "The new residents, many of them churchgoers at their former residences, now are unchurched for the simple reason that there are no churches in their present communities. There are hundreds of such communities from coast to coast."

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South Main Church, Houston celebrates its fiftieth anniversary November 8-15. Its present membership is approximately 5,000, and it maintains four missions with full-time programs, including full-time pastors on the field. In 1949 it completed a new education building at a cost of \$1,000,000 and last September completed its new youth activities building at a cost of \$135,000. The pastor, E. H. Westmoreland, is vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention. (Editor's Note: Dr. Westmoreland was formerly pastor at Leland).

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The central theme for the December 2 meetings of the Southern Association of Baptist colleges and Secondary schools at Memphis, Tennessee, will be planning for the Southern Baptist Convention emphasis on Christian Education during April of 1954. Attending the meeting from Mississippi will be Dr. D. M. Nelson, president of Mississippi College, Dr. Lawrence T. Lowrey, of Blue Mountain College, Dr. I. E. Rouse, of Mississippi Woman's College, and Dr. W. E. Greene, of Clarke Memorial College.

Ten Boys And Ten Girls In A Small Church

By GARLAND A. HENDRICKS

Young people made up a large part of the congregation at Harris Chapel last Sunday morning and they were a fine looking group. All ages were there and I was very much impressed by the interest they expressed in the morning service.

Sunday night they gave a demonstration of their interest and loyalty. The youth choir was scheduled to sing. When it was time for services to begin the director of the youth choir, Charles Carter, led ten young men and ten young women into the choir loft. That made up as fine a looking group as I have seen in a church group. Every seat was taken. They sang the special number beautifully. Several things impressed me about this youth choir.

It is well balanced. There are as many boys as girls. In many communities the men and the boys are timid about participating in church work. Not so at Harris Chapel. This church is for everyone, including the men and the boys.

The quality of singing is good. I was surprised when I learned that the youth choir has been organized only a few weeks. It is obvious that these young men and women have been accustomed to good singing at their church. They used the old hymns and these always mean something to people at worship. The hymns were well selected.

Harris Chapel has a future because it is training its young people to do church work. There is no better training found than a choir. When the boys and girls can do things for the Lord while they are young they are bolder in their expressions in the faith as they grow older. Youth is the time to get rid of timidity and fear. It is the time to learn how to do things well in the Lord's work.

Harris Chapel uses its local talent for leadership. I suppose that the church has never used a paid worker for any such task as this. Charles Carter was asked to lead this choir and he accepted the responsibility. The people in this community are not interested in more elaborate music which goes with the larger churches. They prefer the great old hymns for both congregational singing and special numbers. They take pride in the fact there is someone in the community who can assume such a place of leadership. The young people of this church are setting a good example for all the young people in all our churches.

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Rev. and Mrs. Jack J. Cowser, Southern Baptist missionaries to Brazil, announce the marriage of their daughter, Esther Ruth, to Dr. James Otto Morse on October 22 in Los Angeles. The Cowers, who are in the States on furlough, are living in Wingate, N. C., where their address is Box 251. Mr. Cowser is a native of Goodman, Miss.

Some Give Their Lives And Some Give A Dollar

By DR. R. PAUL CAUDILL

Pastor, First Church Memphis

Shortly after 8 a. m., I visited the medical clinic on our Baptist Compound at Pusan Korea. The clinic was first opened in 1951 by Dr. N. A. Bryan, with the assistance of one Korean doctor and two nurses—(Dr. Bryan is in the States at present because of the illness of his wife). Scores of people were crowded into the little court yard—and even to the sidewalks—awaiting treatment. Mothers with their babies were there. Old men were there. Children in great numbers were there—some with tuberculosis and others with various diseases.

Doctor A. W. Yocum, who has given almost 40 years of service in Christ's name as a medical missionary, was laying his hand softly on the head of little children, and patting them gently as he diagnosed their ailments and passed them on to the nurses for injections. Young Dr. John C. Haward of New Orleans was in an adjoining room performing a similar ministry. Two nurses, Miss Irene Braumum of Missouri and Miss Ruby Wheat of Texas were assisting, along with a staff of Korean doctors and nurses.

Before any of the patients saw the doctors, they heard the Gospel preacher. An Evangelist gathered the men in one group while a Bible woman gathered the women and children in another group so that they were really two sermons going on at once. After they heard the gospel, they saw the doctors.

From August 3 to 8, the clinic averaged 748 patients per day—on August 11 there were 990.

These learned and highly skilled physicians and nurses receive a salary of only \$1,000 per year plus \$83 per month emergency supplement because of the high cost of living in Pusan. This is less than we pay some of our head janitors in our churches back home.

As I stood there and watched the team carry on, I could not keep back the tears. I thought of the great host of Baptists in my homeland and around the world who manifest so little concern for our lost world. Many of them never give a dollar to the cause of world missions—and others do not even give at all!

I thought of a great denomination, numbering almost 8,000,000 that has less than 900 missionaries.

I thought of a people who for every dollar spent in the mission fields spend another \$30 in the homeland.

I thought of how one day the picture shall, by God's grace, be changed. It will, I tell you! It will!

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Rev. and Mrs. Marlin Russell Hicks, Southern Baptist missionaries to Chile, announce the birth of Kenneth Gilbert on September 28 in Chuquicamata. Their address is Casilla 160, Antofagasta, Chile. Mrs. Hicks, the former Dorothy Bilbert, is a native of Meridian, Miss.

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